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D.A.A.G.—Capt. A. P. Garnier, M.B.E., M.C., Northd. Fus., from Staff Capt., W.O., *vice* Bt. Lt.-Col. R. Luker, C.M.G., M.C., Lan. Fus. (dated 1st January).

MEMORANDUM.

Col. J. A. C. Somerville, C.M.G., C.B.E., retires on ret. pay (dated 31st January).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

The following N.C.O. (from the Royal Military College) to be 2nd-Lieut. (dated 18th December, 1924) :—Lce.-Cpl. J. A. C. Kingstone, from Irish Guards.

Lieut. F. H. Bustard is restored to the establishment (dated 1st October, 1924).

Lieut. F. H. Bustard retires on retired pay (9th November, 1924), and is granted the rank of Captain.

The following Lieut. from the Territorial Army to be 2nd-Lieut. (dated 31st January) :—R. H. Hobbs, from the 6th Batt. Northd. Fus.

The following University Candidate to be 2nd-Lieut. (dated 31st January) with seniority as stated against his name : 2nd Lieut. D. C. Bucknall, from General List, T.A. (dated 8th July, 1922).

REGULAR ARMY—RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

REGIMENTAL LIST.

NORTHD. FUS.—Capt. Frank H. Bustard (Lieut., retired pay) to be Capt. (dated 9th November, 1924), with seniority 9th May, 1920.

GENERAL LIST.

MOVEMENT CONTROL STAFF.—Capt. O. H. Lindberg, late Northd. Fus. Service Battalion, to be Capt. (dated 16th November, 1924), with seniority 17th May, 1922.

NORTHD. FUS.—N. H. Martin, late Cadet Under Officer, Sedbergh School Contingent, Junior Division, O.T.C., to be 2nd Lieut. (dated 12th December, 1924).

The following Gentlemen Cadets from the Royal Military College to be 2nd-Lieuts. (dated 29th January) :—F. G. A. Parsons, R. S. Surtees.

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

5TH BATT.—Capt. N. Heslop resigns his commission and retains the rank of Capt. (dated 10th January).

The following to be 2nd-Lieuts. :—

6TH BATT. P. Gardner (late Cadet Sergt., Shrewsbury School Contingent, Jun. Div., O.T.C.) (dated 17th December, 1924), with seniority next above A. H. M. Field. A. H. M. Field (late Cadet Sergt., Hymers College Contingent, Jun. Div., O.T.C.) (dated 17th December).

TERRITORIAL DECORATIONS.

The King has conferred the Territorial Decoration upon the following officer under the terms of the Royal Warrant dated 13th October, 1920 :—

5TH BATT. NORTHD. FUS.—Lt.-Col. (Bt. Col.) A. Irwin, D.S.O.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

COLOGNE,
January, 1925.

The last month has been uneventful. We cannot even discuss the weather, as (unlike our friends at home) we have remained quite free from the gales and winds reported in the papers.

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We regret that the account of our Christmas festivities in our last notes was somewhat abbreviated. This was due to the writer being about to proceed on leave and being fully occupied with very necessary packing (especially necessary in this case, as the person concerned intended visiting places with very different climates. When last heard of, he was not far from Paris !) After all, no man can do two things at once. These are now given in fuller detail.

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The Regimental Christmas tree and tea party for the married families was held on 22nd December. The proceedings commenced with a short entertainment consisting of ventriloquism and conjuring—the efforts of the conjuror being specially appreciated. At this stage, the entertainment was enlivened by a laudable attempt on the part of a German photographer (who had been summoned to take a photograph of the Christmas tree) to set the hall on fire with his flash light apparatus. However, beyond burning a small quantity of paper decorations and his hair, no further damage resulted.

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After the entertainment mentioned above was over, everyone had a most excellent tea, after which the presents were distributed from the Christmas tree by Mrs. Hardman Jones. The evening terminated with a dance.

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On Tuesday, 23rd December, a dance was held in the dance hall. This was a most successful function, and the thanks of all are due to those who so kindly assisted in the decorating of the room, and to Miss Holland, who so ably supervised the dancing and the buffet arrangements.

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On Christmas Eve, the married officers and their wives were invited to dinner by the bachelor officers in the Officers' Mess. After dinner the whole party went on to a dance at the Officers' Club, and we all had a very enjoyable evening.

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The football team have been on leave and returned. We are unlucky in having to start the second half of the league without the services of Fus. Wigham, who had been in hospital with a bad foot. We played our first match in the second half on 24th January, and won very easily (9 goals to 0) despite the gloomy forebodings of that "dismal Jimmy" who compiles the football notes for our (up-to-date ? ? ?) journal—the *Cologne Post*, who prophesied "great changes in form." If all goes well, we have a most excellent chance of winning the league, but we must not be too over-confident.

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The following sent good wishes for Christmas, 1924:—General and Lady Godley, Col. and Mrs. Girdwood, the Officers The 7th Battalion, Major L. C. Bearne and Officers R.A.S.C. (Rhine), the Officers 2nd Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, Lt.-Col. F. Newcombe and Officers R.E. (Rhine), Capt. R. N. Staker, N.C.O.'s and Men R.A.V.C. (Rhine), Lt.-Col. and Mrs. E. B. Gordon, Mr. Cyrus Greenslade (Staff Capt. 1st Rhine Brigade), Lt.-Col. Fitzgerald and Officers 2nd Batt. K.S.L.I., Col. J. M. Sloane and Officers R.A.M.C. (G.H.Q., Rhine), Bgd.-General and Mrs. C. Yatman, the Assistant Chaplain-General and Chaplains Rhine Army, Lt.-Col. Parkinson and Officers 1st Batt. York and Lancs. Regt., Capt. E. Dorman Smith, Chief d'Escadron Froibot, French Mission (Rhine), Col. John Somerville, Major A. E. Perkins (Bgd.-Major 1st Rhine Brigade), Col.-Comdt. N. R. Bethell and Staff 2nd Rhine Brigade, Officers "B" Coy. The Royal Tank Corps, Officers G.H.Q. Mess (Rhine), Officers 1st Batt. Manchester Regt., Capt. A. P. Garnier, Capt. L. E. Hamilton, Officers 2nd Batt. D.C.L.I., Officers 1st Batt. The West Yorkshire Regt., Officers The Cameronians, Officers General Staff Intelligence (Rhine), Capt. M. J. Sant, Lt.-Col. Little and Officers King's Dragoon Guards, President and Officers British Section Railway Sub Commission, Lt.-Col. Irvine and Officers The D.L.I., Officers The 5th Royal Ghurkas Col. and Mrs. McLachlan, Bgd.-General Stephens, Lt.-Col. Sandilands and Officers 2nd Batt., Comdt. Rossomene (Belgian Army), Lt.-Col. Gibson and Officers The 4th Batt., Commander Winter and Officers the Rhine Flotilla, The Manager of Lloyds National Provincial Bank (Cologne Branch), Major and Mrs. R. M. Lamb, Major and Mrs. Withers, Group Capt. and Mrs. Bonham Carter, General and Mrs. Lambton, The Assistant Manager and Staff N.A.A.F.I., Capt. Foureon (French Army), Capt. Prickett, Corporals and Lce.-Cpls. 1st Batt., Lt.-Col. Dixon and Officers Royal Ulster Rifles, Major Robert Auld, Colonel Money, Lt.-Colonel Birch, Mrs. Birch and Family, I.A.R.N.C., Lt.-Col. Potter and Officers The Royal Artillery (Rhine), Capt. Southerland, Lt.-Col. Howard and Officers 2nd Batt. The K.R.R.C., The D.P.M. and Officers Provost Branch (Rhine), Lt.-Col. True and Officers Royal Signalling Corps, Lt.-Col. Bucknell and Officers 2nd Batt. Middlesex Regt., Col. and Mrs. Enderby, Col. and Mrs. Sturges, Lt.-Col. Pratt, *and others*.

HOCKEY NOTES.

Up to the time of writing the Battalion has more than held its own in the Rhine Army Hockey League. Out of eleven matches played we have won ten and lost one, and that by the small margin of 1 goal. We can also say that we have never up to now been able to play at full strength, one or two members of the regular team having always been absent on a course or for some other reason.

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From now onwards we shall be weaker still, being without either Mr. Kilgour, Mr. MacMullen, Mr. Jones or Mr. Beckwith. Sergts. Peppiat and Walsh and Lce.-Cpl. Dreher will also be unable to play, their services being required in the Regimental Football Team.

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From 21st October to 10th January:—

Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Goals For.	Against.
11	10	—	1	62	17

BOXING NOTES.

As predicted in our last notes, the Novices' Team which represented the Battalion at the Central Y.M.C.A. in the Rhine Army Inter-Unit Competition gave a very good account of itself indeed.

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Training was commenced on strenuous lines a fortnight before the event, and stood the team in good stead throughout the Competition.

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The following is the chart showing the final number of points gained by the various units entered.

1.	Manchester Regt.	42 points
2.	Royal Ulster Rifles	34 ,,
3.	Fifth Fusiliers	32 ,,
4.	Cameron Highlanders ..	28 ,,
5.	K.R.R.C.	26 ,,
6.	K.S.L.I.	23 ,,
7.	R.A.S.C.	17 ,,
8.	Royal Tank Corps	15 ,,
9.	York and Lancs. Regt. ..	10 ,,

We congratulate the Manchester Regt. on their well-deserved success, and hope to fully extend their team in the Open Team Competitions which take place at the end of March.

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The following N.C.O.'s and Fusiliers represented the Batt. in Novices' Team Competition:—

	Points.
Fly-weight.—Fus. Richardson, "Z" Coy., gained ..	3
Bantam-weight.—Fus. Wright, "Z" Coy., gained ..	3
Feather-weight.—Lce.-Cpl. Flint, "X" Coy., gained ..	3
Light-weight.—Fus. Ellison, "Y" Coy. gained	1
Welter-weight.—Lce.-Cpl. Roper, "Y" Coy., gained ..	5
Middle-weight.—Lce.-Cpl. Naylor, "Y" Coy., gained ..	6
Light Heavy-weight.—Fus. Stobbart, "Z" Coy., gained	2
Catch-weight.—Fus. Mason, "X" Coy., gained	1
	24

Points for Byes 8. Total 32 points.

There is no need to give an account of each bout, as the whole

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team to a man went all-out for a win, and when we lost it was due to superior knowledge on the part of an opponent.

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Special mention must be made of Lce.-Cpl. Flint and Lce.-Cpl. Naylor, who both would have succumbed had not they had the very stoutest of hearts.

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Lce.-Cpl. Naylor won the Middle-weight Competition.
Lce.-Cpl. Roper was runner-up of the Light-weights.
Lce.-Cpl. Flint was awarded a Plucky Loser's Prize.

ST. GEORGE'S PEPYS.

December 25th (*Christmas Day*).—In the mornynge with the soulderes to Church, where the parson did mayke a most excellente goode briefe addresse, and so to barrackes where the soulderes had been at grate peynes to decorate theyre eatynge roomes, which they had done with much skill and goode taste, and on the Commandynge Officere goinge arounde a-visitynge the companies it struck me I never before did see the adjutante so anxious to secure a goodlie proportion of soda water with his dram of whiskey.

At nighte grate doinges in the Officeres Messe, the bachelor officeres entertainynge the married officeres and theyre wyves to dinner, and after dinner and the pullynge of crackers one of the companie did find in his a small blue feather fixt on a burr, and this he did somehow contrive to stick to the seat of my lord Purkeigh's trousers all unbeknown to him, and he struttynge so innocentlie from one to another of the ladyes, and tattlynge of nothynge in particular with his wonted *bonhomie*, quite unconscious of the absurdity. I never did witness so mightie silly a figure, nor so many folk as much beside themselves with merriment. And then all away to the Clubbe to dance till earlie morn, and so to bed at three of the clock all mightilie contented with this nighte's companie and pleasure.

December 26th.—Beinge grately perplexed at the air of distraction of the Duke of Nairobi, I did venture to enquire the import of the document which I had perceived has so mightilie engrossed him for these many dayes past so that he could think of naught else and indeede was sicke thro' such an infinitie of thinkynge and thereby not able to apply himself to his dailie taskes or go a-marchynge with his companie; and on his showynge me the script of it methought from the straynge conglomeration of naymes of players that his brayne was overwrought with much studyinge of geographie and his mind had run amok, but it fell out that this was but a tale of the journeyinges he hath a mind to make during his two months' holidayes, and so I was filled with admiration for the Duke for that, despite his continued ill-health in Colonne he should yet have the braverie to undertake such arduous journeyinges; yet do I fear that, his travels beinge done, he will return needynge still some measure of repose after all his voyaginges.

December 31st.—To my accountes for the whole yeare till past twelve at nighte and well satisfied with my worke and above all to finde myself, by the grate blessyng of Providence, owynge my taylor but £40 and my overdraft but £10, and so I do give thankes for my goode estayte by which, as I have spent largely, so I have layed up above £5 this yeare above what I was worthe this daye twelve month.

So endes the olde yeare with grate joye to me, not onlie from my havynge mayde so goode a yeare of profitte, but also I do give thankes I never have been in so goode plighte as to my health, which I do think is by reason of my takynge every mornynge of the little dailie dose.

My serjeante-major and my quartermaster well and I happie with them, and my younge corporalles makynge progresse at the cadre, as prettie, lovynge, quiet a companie I have as any man in Germanie.

The regiment's affayres all in goode condition, the footballe teame standynge top of the League, and the hockey teame nearlie the sayme.

At home a Torie Government and the Magpyes goinge from one victorie to another for the Cuppe.

January 1st.—Grate festive doinges in the serjeantes' messe last nighte, the serjeantes havynge arraynged a ball which was mightilie enjoyed with infinite pleasure by all present.

Afterwards I did heare a straynge account of how the victualler havynge procured two geese from the officeres' messe for the occaysion the companie was at a loss to know how it came about that none appeared at table, and only after diligent and searchynge enquirie did it transpire that the first of the birds, beinge bad, was sollemlie buried, and the second had been reserved by Serjeante Denton for the especialle delectation of himself and the German players engayged to provide musicke for the occaysion, and he and they, surreptitiouslie and in seclusion, had sated themselves with the eatynge of it so that not a morsel remayned. Later, when this became knowne, somethynge like a hubbub nearlie arose, but this was averted when the companie did observe how Serjeante Denton, who had been the object of theyre grate compassion and the cause of much secret distress, since, poor fellowe, he returned from his holidayes in such emaciated condition, did at last appear well nourished after his orgie, and so, instead of beinge angered, all present were rejoyced to see the poor wretch lookynge himself again, and did not begrudge the loss of the bird.

January 12th.—Newes this daye of how Serjeante Benne was forced to dispose of his faithfull hounde because, they saye, the sayme hounde did bite at various times at my lords Ivapole and Squral, and theyre quartermaster Bill in a most savage manner, and what was straynge was that although the hounde belonged to the store of "X" Companie which she did guarde right trustilie, these outrayges should have chanced to hap in almost every case near the store of "Y" Companie, so that I am grately puzzled to know the reason for which this beaste, which had been especiallie trayned to work with police a-chasynge of thieves and marauders should be at paynes to go from "X" Companie to "Y" Companie to attack three gentlemen of such high repute. Of one thynge I am certaine and that is that the brute would not have acted in so marked a fashion against these gentlemen without, as it thought, havynge some very excellente reason, and whether there does existe any connection between these two factes, that firstlie these gentlemen do pride themselves that theyre store is the most complete in all the regiment, and secondlie that the first attackes did hap near the store of "X" Companie where they in no way belong, methinks is a matter for grate speculation.

January 16th.—Meetynge Sir Steve Smith but lately returned from his holidayes I learn that he is appoynted to our force of police and all arounde I do heare grate rejoycinges for that we may now sleep safe o' nights, and grate praise of the high authorities for havynge lit upon one of such imposynge mien and stature and sagacitie for this post, whilst I do verilie believe the newes of his appoyntment hath caused a mightie gloome to spread amongst the evildoers of Colonne, the more so as the accounte is spread abroad of how one nighte in Newcastle he

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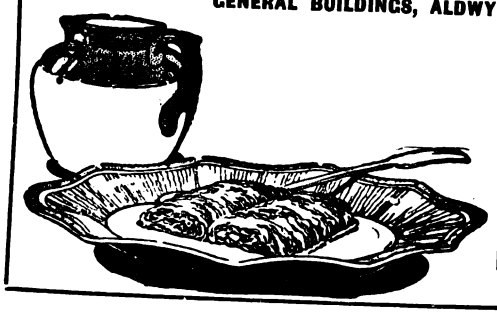

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did single-handed strike terror into the heartes of a desperate bande of villains who were lurkynge in his garden, havynge voyaged from Ireland for the purpose of doinge him ill.

January 22nd.—In discourse of the officeres in the messe my lord Donald did see fit to chide another of the officeres for the poor qualitie and fittynge of his ridynge breeches at the same time sayinge to him that to secure proper breeches he must be wayted upon by a proper especiall taylor of breeches, and next he did draw attention to his owne, takynge paynes to impresse upon the companie that they had been cut for him by the most skilfull man in all London, and the companie by this time beinge all agog at theyre magnificence he did not a little please himself to announce how they had been mayde for him by the taylor who maykes breeches for Tattersalls, he havynge been selected by them out of all London for this purpose; whereupon it was straynge to see how all present fell a-gapyng and not one from amongst them did seeme to have knowne of this famous personage before, or to have remarked the superlative excellence of the breeches at Tattersalls, but amongst those officeres who are yet to take theyre holidayes in England, all the discourse now is of how they do meane to seeke out the faymous man, whilst those whose holidayes are done are all remorse that they did not know earlier of his existence; nevertheless I do fear that for all theyre seekynge, theyre effortes will be of no avail without an introduction from my lord Donald who alone appears to know his whereabouts.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

January, 1925.

We extend the Compliments of the Season to all.

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Since our last notes were penned, only a few events have occurred which are worth recording.

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During the month a Billiard Handicap has been decided, with the following results :—

No. of Entrants :—27.

The outstanding events of all rounds were :—

First Round—

R.Q.M.S. Ambury ..	270	C.Q.M.S. Carlin ..	84
Sergt. Flatcher	260	Sgt. Crawley ..	81

Second Round—

R.Q.M.S. Ambury ..	270	C.S.M. S. C. Clarke (Cup holder) ..	200
C.S.M. Watson	270	C.Q.M.S. Ludford ..	223

Third Round—

R.Q.M.S. Ambury (Handicap, 270) ..	255	C.S.M.I.M.O. C. Dipper, D.C.M.	110
C.S.M. Watson	270	C/Sgt. Gale	131

Semi-Final—

C.S.M.I.M.O. C. Dipper	110	beat Lce.-Sgt. Chapman	99
C.S.M. Watson	270	beat Sgt. Blakey ..	128

(Losers played off for Third and Fourth Prize.)

Final—

Sgt. Blakey	140	beat Lce.-Sgt. Chapman	82

Result—

1st.	C.S.M. Watson.	2nd.	C.S.M.I.M.O. C. Dipper.
3rd.	Sgt. Blakey.	4th.	Lce.-Sgt. Chapman.

The following members are at present enjoying (??) a well-earned leave :—Sgt.-Dmr. P. Scally, Lce.-Sgt. W. Brown.

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We hear that several members (ex-Bandsmen) gave their services at a function. The show was excellent, but was marred by C.Q.M.S. Carlin's lurid and flowery description of the intricacies of the modern "Concert Flute."

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Needless to say, the description as laid down by "Karlin" (Wilhelm) does not bear publication.

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In concluding this subject we sincerely hope that he "forked" F natural in orthodox fashion.

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So much for that ——

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On New Year's Eve a successful Dance and Supper was held in the Mess.

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In the absence of the German Drummer, Sgt. Smart filled the position with much skill.

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After the show it was hard to decide which of the twain were more worn—the drum or Sgt. Smart.

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He, however, helped the Band to receive the "Bird."

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He deserved it AND got it.

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C/Sgt. Gale's taste for the fair sex on this occasion was very variable. "More power to his elbow."

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At midnight a Rum Punch went round, and we drank the New Year in with the sweet sounds of bells in our ears which were performed upon very ably by Mr. Windram. "More power to his elbow TOO."

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We are sorry to have to bid farewell to C.S.M. S. C. Clarke, who is leaving to take up the appointment of A/R.S.M. of the 4th Batt.

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In bidding him and Mrs. Clarke adieu we wish them to know that we much appreciate their association with us, and that we hope very sincerely indeed to meet at no distant date.

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Cheerio! "Mr. and Mrs. Nobby," and the very best of luck attend you—from us all.

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We regret that, owing to the indisposition of our caricaturist our usual "brace of pheasants" must be held over until next time.

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The account of the adventures of a "Couple of Geese" is, however, related elsewhere.

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The author of our Cross-word Puzzle wishes it to be known that he will not be held responsible for any doctors' bills which may be necessary through the deciphering of this.

A.H.M.

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"A BATTALION 'CROSS WORD'

BY

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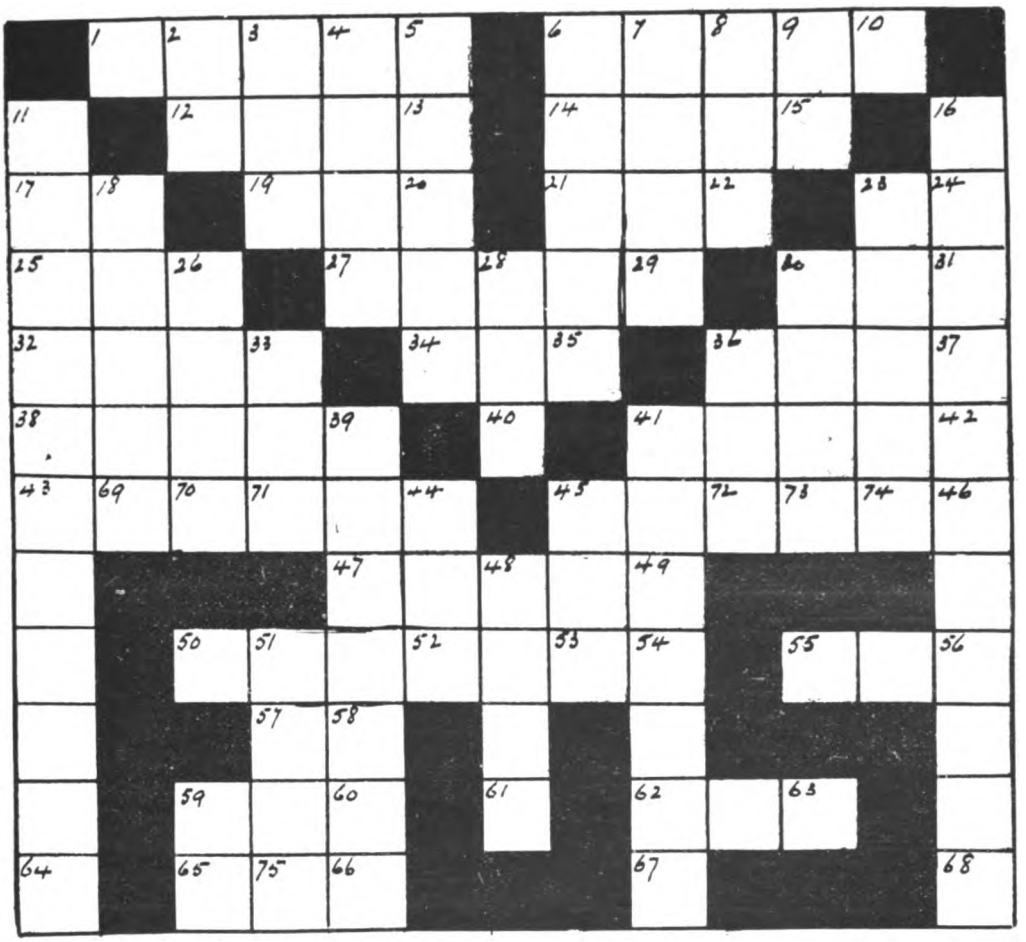

THE CORRECT SOLUTION WILL APPEAR NEXT ISSUE.

ACROSS.

1– 5. Mahommedan Religion.
6–10. To demand : as of right.
12–13. Smooth.
14–15. Used for boating.
17–18. In opposition (abbrev.).
19–20. A spike of corn.
21–22. Musical Abbreviation.
23–24. An important group of Islands (abbrev.).
25–26. A high snow-capped mountain.
27–29. Signifying large—chief.
30–31. An artist's honour (abbrev.).
32–33. To lament (backwards).
34–35. Name (male).
36–37. A woodland spot.
38–39. Group of trees.
41–42. Given an allotted period.
43–44. A Personification.
45–46. An esculent root.
47–49. Small utensil for dipping up liquids.
50–54. Grants of right in an invention.
55–56. A male sheep.
57–58. A Religious Denomination (abbrev.).
59–60. A Regimental appointment (abbrev.).
62–63. A cereal.
65–66. Double-five.

DOWN.

11–64. According to the Gospel.
18–69. A group of European Mountains (backwards).
2–12. In like degree.
20 70. Pecuniary Embarrassment.
59–65. Muscular exercise (abbrev.).
3–19. To prevaricate.
33–71. An Old English Order (abbrev.).
51–75. 160 sq. rods.
4–27. Festivity (backwards).
30–66. A famous notability.
5–34. Inspissated aromatic gum resin.
44–52. To imitate.
28–40. To consume.
48–61. At a former time.
0–35. Genus of animals.
45–53. A metallic or earthenware vessel.
7–29. Milk (French).
41–67. Act of shaving off the hair.
8–22. Skill.
36–72. American slang word—to remove oneself hurriedly.
9–15. Third Person Singular of the verb "To be."
30–73. A parlour game.
23–74. To Salute.
16–68. A final giving up.

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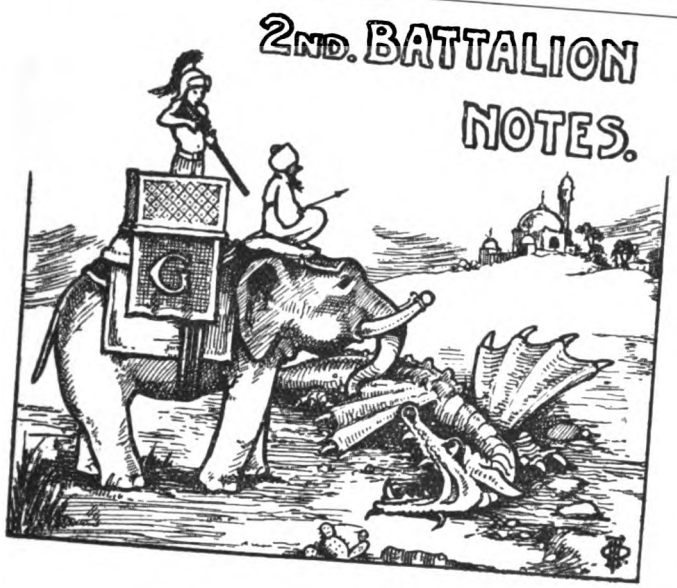

FYZABAD,

17th December, 1924.

Since the despatch of November notes we moved into camp at Pura Gumpti.

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"B" Company had left as advance party on the 8th November, and on the 17th November the Battalion marched out at 5.30 p.m., meeting the Deputy-Commissioner and Mr. Hobert, who had kindly motored out to say good-bye on the Lucknow Road. We reached Ranauhi, the half-way halt, at about half-past nine, and spent the night in bivouac there. Starting before dawn on the 18th, we found breakfasts waiting for us about 4 miles from Pura Gumpti. The breakfasts were excellent, but the last two miles before reaching there seemed endless, with the long, straight road in front, and still no sign of the Adjutant, who had ridden on to the halt.

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We arrived in Pura Gumti camp about 10 o'clock, and found everything ready for us. The advance party must have worked long hours to get everything ready in time. The almost continuous playing of the Band and Drums throughout both periods of the march was excellent. The Battalion was in full marching order, but came in well, especially in view of the long hot weather, which had only just broken.

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Fortunately Colonel Sandilands was able to rejoin the Battalion on 29th November, after eight months as officiating G.S.O., 1st grade, with U.P. District, in spite of the late arrival of the P. and O. bringing Colonel Wilson back from eight months' leave in the United Kingdom.

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We are short of Officers, but fortunately Mr. Rundle, Adjutant of the R.H.A. Brigade, had expressed a desire to learn all about hand guns and foot slogging, and was able to come to camp with us for 12 days.

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As artillery adviser and patrol leader, he has been most helpful. As regards his activities in the latter role, some people (his opponents) were inclined to regard him as almost officious.

General Deverell, with two of his staff, stayed for two days in camp and saw the Battalion at platoon training.

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He dined with the Officers of the Battalion on the 3rd December. A feature of the dinner was the desert, consisting of various sweetmeats prepared by the Indian Platoon under the orders of Subadar Pirthipal Singh.

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On the following Saturday, General Sir George Barrow, commanding Eastern Command, watched the Battalion carry out an advance guard scheme. Colonel Commdt. Humphreys accompanied the G.O.C.-in-C.

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The hot weather has stayed with us so long that the ducks have been very slow in coming in. We have had several shoots, the last with the Deputy-Commissioner, Mr. Hobart, on the 8th December, being the most successful.

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There are plenty of geese, and several have fallen victims to Sgt. Hebburn, of the Regtl. Police, but the pick of the bag has been a fine black goose.

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The Inter-Platoon Hockey and Football Competition are in full swing, and the Hart Boxing Competition will be fought in camp this year. The last draft are reputed to have several promising boxers.

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Battalion training begins on the 10th December, and last night all four Companies carried out night operations. The Brock's Benefit provided by certain Companies was very helpful in enabling the 2nd in Command to find his way back to camp.

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The country round camp is full of foxes, but the going is too hard for hunting. The local pariah dog is far too plentiful, in spite of reductions effected by the earnest endeavours of Mr. Vaughan. A big shoot is being arranged at Milka Par for 22nd and 23rd December.

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The Fancy Fair will take place on 27th December, and the 'Xmas tree on New Year's Day.

EXTRACTS FROM PART II. ORDERS.

The undermentioned were awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education on 30/9/24:—No. 4259815 Fus. W. R. Ashcroft, "A" Coy.; No. 4257095 Fus. C. Collins, "C" Coy.; No. 4257559 Fus. J. Price, "B" Coy.; No. 4257240 Fus. W. Stephenson, "B" Coy.; No. 426196 Fus. F. Flowers, "B" Coy.; No. 4260384 Lce.-Cpl. J. Burke, "G" Coy.; No. 4257927 Fus. H. Stringer, H.Q. Coy.; No. 4257508 Fus. R. Watson, H.Q. Coy.

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The undermentioned were awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education on 4/11/24:—No. 4256774 Lce.-Cpl. P. Baxter, "A" Coy.; No. 4257075 Lce.-Cpl. W. Walker, "B" Coy.; No. 4261594 Fus. A. Birnie, H.Q. Coy.; No. 4260437 Fus. R. Davison, "A" Coy.; No. 4439418 Fus. A. Gilbert, "A" Coy.; No. 4260437 Fus. E. W. Hall, "D" Coy.; No. 4257379 Fus. J. H. Lane, "B" Coy.; No. 4261400 Fus. R. McKenzie, H.Q. Coy.; No. 4260832 Fus. J. Marsh, "C" Coy.; No. 4260414 Fus. A.

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Mitchell, "D" Coy.; No. 4260301 Fus. A. Painter, "A" Coy.; No. 4260253 Fus. A. Silvester, "D" Coy.; No. 4256752

AS OTHERS SEE US

CAPT. C.H. COOPER. M.C.

Fus. E. Timmis, "B" Coy.; No. 4259863 Fus. J. Tuff, "A" Coy.; No. 4261738 Fus. J. S. White, H.Q. Coy.

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EXTENSION OF SERVICE.

No. 4256622 Fus. (Bandsman) W. Armstrong, H.Q. Coy., is permitted to extend the terms of his present engagement to complete 12 years with the Colours.

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No. 4257360 Sgt. E. Keith, "D" Coy., is permitted to extend the terms of his present engagement to complete 12 years with the Colours.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

No. 4257414 Lce.-Cpl. J. Greaves, "A" Coy., promoted Corporal (paid) with effect from 12/11/24, *vice* Baker to U.K. on 21/10/24.

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The undermentioned are appointed paid Lance-Corporals, with effect from 12/11/24:—No. 4261144 Lce.-Cpl. S. Bolton, "C" Coy., *vice* Greaves, promoted; No. 4256631 Lce.-Cpl. W. Bennett, H.Q. Coy., *vice* Stephens to U.K. on 21/10/24; No. 4260317 Lce.-Cpl. A. Sturdy, "A" Coy., *vice* Whittaker to U.K. on 21/10/24; No. 4262219 Lce.-Cpl. F. Wooll, "A" Coy., *vice* Gillatt to U.K. on 21/10/24; No. 4257481 Lce.-Cpl. W. Sharpe, H.Q. Coy., *vice* Sherwood to U.K. on 21/10/24; No. 4261630 Lce.-Cpl. G. Punton, "D" Coy., *vice* Green to U.K. on 21/10/24; No. 4259878 Lce.-Cpl. H. Leatherland, "D" Coy., *vice* Head to U.K. on 21/10/24; No. 4257208 Lce.-Cpl. C. Frayne, "A" Coy., *vice* Collins to U.K. on 21/10/24.

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No. 4262181 Lce.-Cpl. A. Sell, "A" Coy., appointed paid Lance-Corporal with effect from 25/11/24, *vice* Charlton to U.K. 4/11/24.

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No. 4256944 W.O. II. (C.S.M.) G. Brockelsby, D.C.M., H.Q. Coy., promoted Warrant Officer Class I. and appointed Regimental Sergeant Major with effect from 3/12/24, *vice* Johnston to U.K. on 12/11/24.

(Authority:—O.i/c. Infantry Records, York, No. CR/206/38/R, dated 15/7/24)

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No. 4257178 Clr.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) F. E. Davis, "A" Coy., promoted Warrant Officer Class II. and appointed Company Sergeant Major with effect from 3/12/24, *vice* Prophet to U.K. on 12/11/24.

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No. 4256776 Clr.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) A. G. Moon, "B" Coy., promoted Warrant Officer Class II. and appointed Company Sergeant Major with effect from 3/12/24, *vice* Brockelsby promoted.

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No. 4256804 Sgt. T. Tudor, "A" Coy., promoted Colour-Sergeant and appointed Company Quartermaster Sergeant with effect from 3/12/24, *vice* Davis promoted.

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No. 4256852 Sgt. A. J. Pollard, H.Q. Coy., promoted Colour-Sergeant and appointed Company Quartermaster Sergeant with effect from 3/12/24, *vice* Moon promoted.

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The undermentioned are absorbed into Establishment of Sergeants, *vice* Tudor and Pollard promoted (Authorised Establishment of Sergeants 32):—No. 4256616 Sgt. W. J. Rice, "B" Coy.; No. 4258934 Sgt. J. H. Ashton, "D" Coy.

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No. 4257685 Sgt. M. Grace, "A" Coy., Supernumerary to Establishment of Sergeants and absorbed into Establishment of Corporals.

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The undermentioned are promoted paid Corporals with effect from 3/12/24:—No. 4256774 (paid) Lce.-Cpl. P. Baxter, "A" Coy., *vice* Rice absorbed into Estab. of Sergts.; No. 4256492 (paid) Lce.-Cpl. F. G. Evans, H.Q. Coy., *vice* Ashton absorbed into Estab. of Sergts.; No. 4257675 (paid) Lce.-Cpl. J. Walker, "B" Coy., *vice* Percival to U.K. on 12/11/24; No. 4260121 (paid) Lce.-Cpl. T. Richardson, "D" Coy., *vice* Saunders to U.K. on 12/11/24.

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The undermentioned are appointed paid Lance-Corporal's with effect from 3/12/24:—No. 4257617 Lce.-Cpl. J. Ray, "D" Coy., *vice* Baxter promoted; No. 4258325 Lce.-Cpl. J. Coyle "B" Coy., *vice* Evans promoted; No. 4258825 Lce.-Cpl. E. Thompson, "B" Coy., *vice* Walker promoted; No. 4257530 Lce.-Cpl. F. Dixon, H.Q. Coy., *vice* Richardson promoted; No. 4257313 Lce.-Cpl. T. Butler, "C" Coy., *vice* Callan to U.K. on 12/11/24.

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THE HART BOXING TOURNAMENT.

(By "Tallfeller.")

The annual individual competition for the Hart Medals, fought in camp on the 10th and 11th December, besides producing a wealth of talent, was noteworthy for the excellent performance put up by competitors from the latest joined draft, who promised well. On the last day of the tournament the fighting was most determined. We have rarely seen better contests.

On the first night 18 fights were got through. Fus. Stephenson, the eventual winner of the Welter-weight Competition, gave two exhibitions of clean boxing and hard hitting. In the first series he met a tough opponent in Fus. Carter of "B" Coy., and an extra round was necessary before a decision was given. In the second series Stephenson was too good for Fus. Farley of "A" Coy., who, despite a deficiency in weight and strength, put up a plucky fight when the odds were against him from the very beginning. Farley went down a very game loser in the second round. Another excellent contest on this night was between Fus. Milburn of "A" Coy., who won the Fly-weight Competition in the Inter-Company Contests, and Fus. Salt of H.Q. Salt has fought consistently well in the Battalion at the Fly-weight limit. They now met at Bantam-weight. From the gong sounding both fought at a terrific pace. Salt was the quicker and surer in his hitting. He brought both hands into use in disconcerting fashion and punished his opponent severely. Milburn fought fiercely, but lacked the finish of his adversary, and, whilst Salt landed with uncanny precision, Milburn missed

with many of his fierce swings and lost the contest by a fair margin.

The second night's fighting, in which the semi-finals and finals were contested, saw some finely contested bouts.

Our veteran champion, Fus. Hosker of "D" Coy., was in great form against Fus. Oakes of "B" Coy., in the semi-final of the Bantam-weight. Hosker boxed splendidly with both hands. Oakes was game, and although he punished Hosker with hard blows his opponent could always land almost where and when he required. It was a beautifully contested fight with Hosker brilliant and his opponent a dour fighter.

Fus. Salt of H.Q. and Fus. Malone of "D" Coy., carried their fight the full three rounds. Salt was quicker and stronger, and with experience on his side he won well on points. The final of this weight produced delightful boxing. Hosker's footwork and ring craft were admirable. He has rarely been seen to better advantage, and this, coming so soon after his regrettable accident at Lucknow, was most encouraging. Salt is to be complimented on his determined fight. Sent to the boards three times by hard blows, he fought on with typical tenacity and occasionally shook his opponent with a nasty right to the jaw. But Hosker was in his most brilliant vein, and that conveys a great deal to those who know the boxing abilities of this little man. It was a fine contest and richly applauded.

Fus. Powell was quickly disposed of by Lce.-Cpl. O'Rourke in the semi-finals of the Feather-weights, but Fus. Hawkins of "A" Coy. and Fus. Antcliffe of "D" Coy. put up a spirited show which was full of hard hitting and good boxing. Hawkins won by a very narrow margin.

Hawkins defeated Lce.-Cpl. O'Rourke in the final. There was a great deal of vim in the contest, and a determination to fight which pleased all. Hawkins is a new arrival and greatly impressed the critics.

Fus. Lawson of "C" Coy. quickly accounted for Fus. Bell of "B" Coy. in the semi-final of the Light-weight, and in the final won from Fus. Turner of "A" Coy., chiefly by reason of a greater reach. The ex-drummer was fighting in a higher weight than usual, and the handicap was too much for him. He, however, showed much of his old brilliance in avoiding punishment. Lawson was always on the move with both hands and although he was made to miss rather badly at times, he was always a source of trouble and allowed Turner no rest. He showed excellent promise.

In the Welter-weight series, Fus. Cunningham and Fus. Rutter, both of "D" Coy., fought the full three rounds in the semi-final. Rutter, who is one of the latest acquisitions to the Battalion, proved himself capable of taking heavy punishment, yet always ready to force the fighting. Cunningham piled on quite a lot of points with a long left, but would have been worn down had the fight lasted longer.

Stephenson of "B" Coy. and Veitch of "C" Coy. showed spirit in their contest. Stephenson was brilliant at close quarters, Veitch preferring to fight at a distance. Both landed often, and with Veitch always a tireless fighter, Stephenson was made to fight to the very last ere he got the verdict.

The final of the Weight saw a fine contest. Cunningham was vicious with his left, and ran up a fair number of points. He, however, allowed his opponent to close in in the last round, and Stephenson, with a volley of half-arm body blows, wiped off the deficit and added just enough points to gain him the decision. The margin at the finish was, I understand, the narrowest of all the contests in the Tournament.

Fus. Murphy, of "B" Coy., was too strong for Fus. Overend in the Middles semi-final. Lce.-Cpl. Catterick of "B" Coy. and Fus. Hayton of "A" Coy. each survived very heavy blows in their contest. Catterick was much the lighter man, having

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voluntarily advanced from the Welter-weight Class. He was not lacking in determination and was always carrying the fight

to his opponent to gain a good lead on points. In the last round, however, he was almost out to a vicious right. He survived and gained the verdict on points. This contest took a deal of the sting out of Catterick for his fight in the final with Murphy. Still he was game to the last and forced the fighting so long as he could stand up. Murphy, however, was in splendid fettle and gave Catterick a terrific time before eventually causing him to throw in the second round. On his showing in this fight Murphy has improved beyond all recognition, and has acquired what he has always previously lacked — a real knock-out, which he can now deliver very effectively with either hand.

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RESULTS.

Bantam-weight.—1st Series—Fus. Salt, H.Q., beat Fus. Milburn, "A" Coy. Semi-finals—Fus. Hosker, "D" Coy., beat Fus. Oakes, "B" Coy., on points; Fus. Salt, H.Q., beat Fus. Malone, "D" Coy., on points. Final—Fus. Hosker, "D" Coy., beat Fus. Salt, H.Q., on points.

Feather-weights.—1st Series—Fus. Hawkins, "A" Coy., beat Fus. Dean, H.Q.; Fus. Ancliffe, "D" Coy., beat Lce.-Cpl. Alder, H.Q., Semi-finals—Fus. Hawkins, "A" Coy., beat Fus. Ancliffe, "D" Coy., on points; Lce.-Cpl. O'Rourke, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Powell, "B" Coy. (2nd). Final—Fus. Hawkins, "A" Coy., beat Lce.-Cpl. O'Rouke, "B" Coy., on points.

Light-weight.—1st Series—Fus. Burns, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Kennedy, "B" Coy.; Fus. Turner, "A" Coy., beat Fus. Kearns, "B" Coy.; Fus. Lawson, "C" Coy., beat Fus. Blakeman, "B" Coy.; Fus. Bell, "B" Coy., beat Fus. De Coster, "A" Coy. Semi-final—Fus. Turner, "A" Coy., beat Fus. Burns, "B" Coy. (Med.); Fus. Lawson, "C" Coy., beat Fus. Bell, "B" Coy. (2nd). Final—Fus. Lawson, "C" Coy., beat Fus. Turner, "A" Coy., on points.

Welter-weight.—1st Series—Fus. Rutter, "D" Coy., beat Fus. Keith, "D" Coy.; Fus. Smith, "A" Coy., beat Fus. Wilson, "A" Coy.; Fus. Veitch, "C" Coy., beat Fus. Woodhouse, "A" Coy.; Lce.-Cpl. Hornsby, H.Q., beat Fus. Briggs, "A" Coy.; Fus. Stephenson, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Carter, "B" Coy.; Fus. Farley, "A" Coy., beat Fus. Whitt, "A" Coy. 2nd Series—Fus. Cunningham, "D" Coy., beat Fus. Walden, "A" Coy.; Fus. Rutter, "D" Coy., beat Fus. Smith, "A" Coy.; Fus. Veitch, "E" Coy., beat Lce.-Cpl. Hornsby, H.Q.; Fus. Stephenson, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Farley, "A" Coy. Semi-final—Fus. Cunningham, "D" Coy., beat Fus. Rutter, "D" Coy., on points; Fus. Stephenson, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Veitch, "C" Coy., on points. Final—Fus. Stephenson, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Cunningham, "D" Coy., on points.

Middle-weight.—1st Series—Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Kitson, "C" Coy.; Fus. Hayton, "A" Coy., beat Fus. Graham, "C" Coy. Semi-final—Fus. Murphy, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Overend, "B" Coy. (1st); Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Hayton, "A" Coy., on points. Final—Fus. Murphy, "B" Coy., beat Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, "B" Coy. (2nd round).

A SOLDIER'S ALPHABET.

A stands for the "Army," about which I am writing.
B stands for the "British Isles," for whom it is fighting.
C stands for the "Co-operation," by which I mean work "altogether."
D stands for the "Duty," which we do in all kinds of weather
E stands for the "Education" to which the Army is a thorough slave.
F stands for the "Fighting Fifth," which the Regiment earned for being brave.
G stands for the "Generals," who are the Armies' Chief Engineers.
H stands for the "Headquarters," whose "red tape" drove many to tears.
I stands for the "Interior Economy," or Inchcape's Reduction Scheme.
J stands for the "Judging Distance," by this I refer to our Eye Specialist's dream.
K stands for the "Knowledge" in general, which we should know to a turn.
L stands for the "Lewis Gun," which everyone has got to learn.
M stands for the "Musketry," which teaches us how to hit the mark.
N stands for the "Night Operations," which we always do at dark.
O stands for the "Opposition"—by this word I mean, from the "Foe."
P stands for the "Physical Training," which instructs you not to be "Slow."
Q stands for the "Quartermaster," whose Good Books it pays to keep "In."
R stands for the "Rifle," which we should treat as a "Next-of-kin."
S stands for the "Scout," to be one you must be a Jack of all "Trades."
T stands for the "Training"—this little word causes too many parades.

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U stands for the "Uniformity"—about this the C.S.M.'s always talking.

V stands for the "Visual Training," or watch where you go when out walking.

W stands for the "War," which is the cause of a soldier's employment.

X stands for the "Xmas," after which we use "Zambuk Ointment."

Y stands for the "Years," seven of which the Army generally claim.

Z stands for the "Zeal" we show which keeps Britain's Good Name.

And now I've finished the Alphabet, and I haven't missed a letter;

Seeing I'm not a Poet, you'll excuse me for not doing better.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

We have been in camp from 17th November, and concentrated for the first time since April.

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Life is very quiet these times, and the large exodus at the week-ends leaves us almost entirely in solitude's confines. However, we survive, as evidence the great and oft-repeated tustle for the Football Championship of the Mess—Married *v.* Single.

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This attractive fixture again blossomed forth in camp, and of course with the usual result. A draw of 4 goals each leaves us still undecided as to the merits of the respective classes—"Married and Happy" and "Unmarried and Sympathetic."

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One looks upon this fixture as a Carnival function, rather than an exhibition of how the game should be played. Still we have many admirers, and Sgt. Brown, as a goalkeeper, found himself besieged by enthusiasts around the goal-mouth all offering advice as to the best way of dealing with the tornado which at times swept his goal. Indeed, it was very difficult to tell whether he was pushed or held back, so oppositely engaged was he when some of the goals were scored.

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Our congratulations are extended to R.S.M. Brocklesby, D.C.M., C.S.M. Davis, C.S.M. Moon, C.Q.M.S. Tudor and C.Q.M.S. Pollard on promotion to substantive ranks.

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The Mess are about to lost the services of R.Q.M.S. Capstaff and C.S.M. Tyrrell, on posting to the T.A. at home.

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The R.Q.M.S. has been with us since the Battalion came abroad, and his loss will be very keenly felt by those who have served under him in an official capacity. A very keen enthusiast in all branches of sport and a most excellent Soccer and Hockey Referee, his services have been in much demand. As a player he has helped his old Company, "B," to success in football and hockey, and was a member of the side when they won the Hockey Championship two seasons ago, after three great and memorable struggles in the Final with "D" Coy. He goes home to his own County, where he is assured of many friends, and where, we are certain, he will make a very happy host for his comrades of the Regular Battalions when they call to pay their compliments. May he have infinite good luck and a very happy time—all the rewards of good and devoted services in the interest of the Regiment.

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C.S.M. Tyrrell has been with us for two years, during which time his genial disposition has made him a great favourite. Though originally a Munster Fusilier, he is a great Fifth Fusilier at heart, and happier company than when he is in the chair it is difficult to find. Long will his rendering of "Maudie" remain as a rich heirloom with us.

DEPOT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,

23rd January, 1925.

Our Mess has been enriched by the presentation of the "History of Charles the Twelfth, King of Sweden," from the French of Voltaire by Smollett, printed in 1844. The book is small and encased in the canvas cover which was the fashion in those days. On the fly-leaf is written, "To the Depôt Mess Library, 5th Fusiliers, from the Nephew of Edmund Spry Tritton, Lt.-Col. J. W. Currie," and on another page the signature of the original owner, "Edmund Spry Tritton, 1st Sept., 1848."

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Our thanks are due to Colonel Currie for the gift itself, and for the kind thought which prompted him to return this relic of the past to its original home in the Regiment. In the letter to the Commanding Officer which accompanied the book, Col. Currie says, "I can't say I've ever read it, and I don't suppose you will." Taking this as a direct challenge, we have read enough to gather that King Charles was a most energetic monarch, who spent his whole life, from when he was 16 years of age to his death at 36, in leading his Army all over Eastern Europe, fighting everyone who withstood him. His chief foes were the Muscovites, Poles, Danes, Ostiacks, Samoides, Tartars, and others, and he fought them separately or together, as he found them, in towns, marshes, forests and mountains, and invariably in snow. We see him, on the frontispiece, going round "dinners" during a retreat, when thousands of soldiers were dying of frost-bite and hunger. An "Orderly Man" has complained of the bread as being unfit to eat, and has handed the King his ration for inspection.

The King is munching it with every appearance of enjoyment, and is saying, "It is not good, but it may be eaten."

Those of the Regiment who were in Ireland in '21, may remember a similar incident taking place at Borris. Those who were not will doubtless be thankful to us for making public this small exerpt from Military History, and the interesting principles it teaches.

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Talking of Ireland, members of the Baltinglass detachment will remember Fus. Timmins, who was one of the old soldiers enlisted locally for work in barracks, but were not to carry arms, and how he left without saying good-bye. He has made amends for his seemingly churlish behaviour, however, in the following letter which we hasten to publish, as it explains all, and raises a dark cloud from our minds.

"To the Officer in charge of Infintery Records, York."

Dear Sir,

You art me what was my reason for leaving the 1st N.F. my Reason is a breach of contract. Been in possession of Rifle and Ammenson when the other Ridgement. had none and Be accused as Been I.R.A. Man bye Capts Coogan at Baltinglass the hole Ridgement can tell.

Youss respectfully,

P. TIMMINS.

10, Staplestown Road, Carlow, Ireland."

Ah, well! Pat, we'll say no more about it—but did the bhoys niver tell yez not to call as the "In Ifs,"?

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We were disappointed, a few days ago, to hear that it had been decided that the 1st Battalion was not to fill its vacancy here, but that the 2nd Battalion were to send an Officer instead. It is a pity we are not to have the two Battalions equally represented, since the Depôt is the only place where members of the two Battalions can meet and exchange regimental ideas. However, the matter is not as serious as it might be in some Depôts. There are advantages in being a single numbered, single minded, regiment.

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People have been saying nice things about us lately. The draft which we sent out to the 2nd Battalion in October earned the praises of all who had to deal with it *en route*, and we came in for some of the reflected glory as having prepared it for the journey. Then, again, in the retrospect for 1924, "Chink"—whoever he may be—mentions our humble efforts at bringing the different parts of the regiment more closely together. We are indeed grateful, and determined to do even better in the future.

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Capt. Chipper paid us a visit the other day, on his return from West Africa, and we were delighted to see him looking so fit.

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Capt. E. E. Dorman-Smith, it is rumoured, has been spending some time on a visit to the regimental county, but rumour is a lying jade, and we feel that once again she must have been false.

GAMES NOTES.

HOCKEY.—5/68th Regimental Depôts *versus* North Durham. The combined Depôt won by 6 goals to 1. The following represented the 5th Fusiliers Depôt :—Capt. C. G. Arkwright, M.C., C.Q.M.S. Peak, R.Q.M.S. Redhead, Sgt. Cogan, Cpl. Burns and Cpl. Forbes.

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BOXING.—*Recruits Competition.*—From the point of view of the excellent spirit, keenness and team work shown in this competition, it must be one of the best that has ever been held at the Depôt.

Out of a total of a hundred and twenty recruits, over a hundred entered, or every man who was not prevented by sickness or the Medical Officer. This reflects the greatest credit on Q.M.S. Brown and his P.T. Staff, on the Squad Commanders, and most of all on the men themselves.

Although there was not much skill shown, every fight was fought with a will. The outstanding bouts were those between Fus. Ross and Marr, in the preliminary series, and between Campbell and Sharpe in the finals.

The Commanding Officer has decided to present good losers' medals to Fusrs. Marr and Sharpe for the excellent spirit they showed.

October (Sgt. Hart's) Squad are to be congratulated on winning the Boxing Shield.

The following are the team points and the results :—

1st.	October Squad	90 points
2nd.	September II Squad	84 ,,
3rd.	January Squad	77 ,,
4th.	September 1st Squad	75 ,,

The following table shows the last preliminary round and the semi-finals and finals :—

		Winner.	Winners.	Final.
112 to 120 lbs.				
Fus. Faris	Jan. Squad.	Fus. Faris	Fus. Faris	L/Cpl. Brough
Fus. McGurk	Oct. Squad.			
Fus. Stoves	Jan. Squad.	Fus. Ross		
Fus. Ross	Oct. Squad.			
Lce.-Cpl. Brough	Sept. I.	Lce.-Cpl. Brough	L/cpl. Brough	
Fus. Raper	Sept. II.			
Fus. Ford	Sept. II.	Fus. Ford		
Fus. Walker	Jan. Squad.			
130 to 140 lbs.				
Fus. Harrop	Sept. I.	Fus. Harrop	Fus. Harrop	Fus. Harrop
Fus. Walls	Oct. Squad.			
Fus. Calvin	Sept. I.	Fus. Calvin		
Fus. McGilivray	Sept. II.			
Fus. Rogers	Sept. I.	Fus. Rogers	Fus. Rogers	
Fus. Charlton	Jan. Squad			
Fus. McPherson	Sept. I.	Fus. McPherson		
Fus. Degan	Oct. Squad.			
140 to 150 lbs.				
Fus. Sharpe	Sept. II.	Fus. Sharpe	Fus. Sharpe	Fus. Campbell
Fus. Brown	Sept. II.			
Fus. Mullen	Sept. I.	Fus. Mullen		
Fus. Daynes	Sept. II.			
Fus. Campbell	Sept. II.	Fus. Campbell	Fus. Campbell	
Fus. Chalmers	Oct. Squad.			
Lce.-Cpl. Isaacs	Sept. II.	Lce.-Cpl. Isaacs		
Fus. Todd	Sept. II.			
120 to 130 lbs.				
Fus. McDonough	Oct. Squad.	Fus. Marren	Fus. Bedford	Fus. Bedford
Fus. Marren	Jan. Squad			
Fus. Bedford	Oct. Squad.	Fus. Bedford		
Fus. Maxwell	Sept. I.			
Fus. Rochester	Sept. II.	Fus. Rochester	Fus. Harris	
Fus. Donachie	Oct. Squad.			
Fus. Slack	Oct. Squad.	Fus. Harris		
Fus. Harris	Sept. II.			

A Draft of 1 Officer, 41 Other Ranks (Sgt. Earl and his family included), embark on the Transport *Marglen*, to join the 2nd Battalion, leaving Southampton on 18th February, 1925.

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Discharges confirmed as follows :—

No. 4256049 R.S.M. Johnston, for 26/12/24
No. 4256056 C.S.M. Prophet, for 26/12/24
No. 4257986 Cpl. Saunders, for 28/12/24
No. 4250385 Cpl. Percival, for 29/12/24

all of whom joined the Depôt *ex* the 2nd Battalion in India.

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No. 4257344 Sgt. T. Dodds re-embarked in the SS. *Assaye* at Southampton, 30/12/24, to rejoin the 2nd Battalion after a long leave in the United Kingdom.

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No. 4256059 C.S.M. Dresser (late R.S.M.), 6th Batt., was discharged on completion of his 21 years' service, 5th January, 1925.

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No. 7211454 Cpl. Gossage was appointed unpaid Lce-Sergt. 16/1/25, and proceeded to Hythe for a long Qualifying Course,

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4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

HEXHAM,

23rd January, 1925.

The New Year opened in this part of the world as the Old Year had departed—with rain, rain, rain ! In fact, 1st January constituted the wettest of recent wet days, which is saying a good deal.

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However, the latter part of the month has provided us with much better weather. Long may it continue !

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Company Classes have started at Newburn, Haltwhistle and Prudhoe, but so far the attendances have not been as good as they should be. There are, however, a number of real keen officers and n.c.o.'s who turn up regularly. The greatest credit is due to the latter, many of whom have to walk several miles to and from the Drill Hall. A man must be keen to turn up and turn out as well as these men do, and Company Commanders will have such men in view when there is any promotion going in the Company.

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The chief social event of the month was the Ball given by "Z" Company at Prudhoe on 9th January, an account of which appears in the Prudhoe Detachment Notes. The writer was unfortunately unable to attend, but from all accounts the Ball was a complete success from start to finish.

PRUDHOE COMPANY'S BALL.

Annual Training is now "provisionally" arranged to take place at Pwllheli, North Wales.

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Beyond finding this information useful in connection with one of our "Cross-Word Puzzles," we attach little importance to it, as it is already the third place "provisionally" decided upon during the last few months.

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Our Regimental Sergeant-Major, who is due for discharge early in March, is rumoured to have made arrangements to take over an old-established grocery business in the 5th Battalion area, where we hope for his sake that a goodly proportion of the 5th Battalion Training Grant will eventually find its way.

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Congratulations to Messrs. McLellan, Clark and Fleming on promotion.

"The Jesmond Jesters" gave an excellent programme at the Queen's Hall, Hexham, on 21st January, in aid of the funds of the Brigade Recreation Ground. The arrangements were as usual in the hands of our late Brigadier, Colonel E. P. A. Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O.

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Captain C. Chipper, M.C., is expected to return to these parts shortly on leave from Nigeria.

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No. 4257220 C.S.M. S. Clarke, from the 1st Battalion, has been posted to the Permanent Staff to relieve a/R.S.M. Wodehouse, who proceeds on furlough pending discharge on 21st February.

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The R.S.M. has been with the Battalion 5 years, first of all as Instructor at Haltwhistle, and for the last 4 years in his present appointment. During the period he has devoted himself with the greatest energy to the work and responsibility which his position has demanded, and the present satisfactory state of the Battalion is in no small measure due to his good example and devotion to duty.

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We are all glad to know that he is settling down in the neighbourhood, and the very best wishes of all ranks will accompany him into civil life. May the same measure of success attend his business that has attended his career as a Fifth Fusilier.

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In the matter of Rifle Shooting, it is an unfortunate fact that the Yeomanry and Engineers can still knock spots off us.

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In the Miniature Rifle Competitions held recently for the County Championships, the Northumberland Hussars as usual ran away with both Competitions, the results of which were as follows :—

THE "CHIPCHASE" MINIATURE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

	Application.	Rapid.	Total.
"C" Squadron, Northumberland Hussars ..	377	348	725
City of Newcastle Rifle Club	352	290	642
Tyne Electrical (Fortress) Royal Engineers ..	345	296	641
"A" Squadron, Northumberland Hussars ..	256	376	632
"Z" Coy., 4th Northumberland Fusiliers ..	282	301	583
"Y" Coy., 4th Northumberland Fusiliers ..	298	232	530
6th Northumberland Fusiliers	288	203	491
5th Northumberland Fusiliers	257	189	446

6th Northumberland Fusiliers "B" Team and Armstrong-Whitworth Walker Cadet Detachment N.F. returned no scores.

"VOLUNTEER SERGEANTS" TERRITORIAL MINIATURE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

	Application.	Rapid.	Total.
"C" Squadron, Northumberland Hussars ..	395	353	748
Tyne Electrical (Fortress) Royal Engineers ..	347	322	669
"Z" Coy., 4th Northumberland Fusiliers ..	291	299	590
6th Northumberland Fusiliers	318	246	564
"Y" Coy., 4th Northumberland Fusiliers ..	269	261	530
"A" Squadron, Northumberland Hussars ..	294	203	497
5th Northumberland Fusiliers	242	167	409

The 6th Northumberland Fusiliers "B" Team returned no scores.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

January has been more or less a dormant month at Newburn, and except for Company Classes and the Sergeants' Mess "Phat" Tournament, we have nothing much to put on record. We note, however, that war experience as an excuse for promotion is gradually losing itself in the modern military machine, and that examinations are insiduously working themselves into existence as an ingredient for the making of military efficiency.

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The Classes for "Section Leaders" are being fairly well attended, but the eagerness with which Lewis Gunners rush to the seat of learning leaves much to be desired.

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We offer congratulations to Mr. McLellan and Mr. Fleming on their promotion to Lieutenant.

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The "Prudhoe Guards" have again opened their arms in hospitality, on the occasion of their Annual Ball, held on 9th January, at which Capts. Watson, Wood, Peacock and Mr. McLellan were present.

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Our notes for last month did not include an account of the Sergeants' Mess "Phat" Tournament, which finished up on Christmas Day, the finalists being Sergt. Warner and partner *versus* Sergt. Turner and partner. The former were the winners,

"THE CRISIS."

NEWBURN SGTS' MESS "PHAT" TOURNAMENT.

but throughout the whole tournament intense excitement prevailed and speculation was wild. It is believed that C.S.M. Stuart and Partner were severely "Tin-hatted" and Sergt. Veitch and partner suffered strong defeat also. The advent of the final bout on Christmas Day was somewhat in the nature of a crisis, and a large crowd assembled to witness the thump of the final and winning ace.

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On Friday, 16th, the Northumberland and Durham Sergeants' Association held their Annual Dance at Newcastle, and it was a great success. R.Q.M.S. Connell, who is the Association President, presided, and he is to be congratulated on making the event such a social success.

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For the last three months Prudhoe seems to have been nursing a grievance, and it is remarkable that their "suitable reply" and "something really pungent" are not yet to hand.

Recently, at their fourth monthly meeting, the Newburn Branch of the Captains' Confederation was lectured on "The Evolution of Military Transport." From the earliest days of organised warfare, the necessity for carriage and cartage of baggage, etc., of an army, has always been fully appreciated. The Ancient Britons hunted their food in the nearest available forest on the line of trek, but this cannot be considered as a period within the history of organised warfare. During the times of the Roman occupation, the Ancient Britons learned the value of the circle, which signified perpetual motion, hence the cart wheel. Even to-day uncivilised tribes all over the world are still bewildered in a childlike manner, at their partly conceived value of this theory, and with native simplicity they execute war dances in the form of a circle, this being the full extent of their application of perpetual motion. Queen Boadicea was a very clever woman. She believed in a minimum of transport, and to save the cartage of food she evolved the idea of fixing curved blades to the axles of her war chariots. All the enemy limbs thus abbreviated were picked up in the rear by camp followers and were probably the foundation of

the original Maconachie. Napoleon Bonaparte once said, "Les armees marchant sur leurs tummies," but whether this means that an army should be fed before marching or whether an ample sufficiency should be brought with the troops, *a la* Carter Paterson, is a question usually solved by "The Board," but in the case of the lay mind must be left to the imagination. Bismarck, however, gives us a true perspective in his words, "Die Truppen gehen auf mit dem full stummiker." The first real transport wagon consisted of four solid wood wheels attached to a flat board and drawn by oxen. This mode of transport, however, was slow and ponderous, as King John discovered to his great discomfort when passing the Wash. It was this

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historical episode which caused the invention of the forerunner of the present G.S. wagon. After King John lost all his baggage in the Wash, he called a council of war. At this conference, one of the military chiefs suggested that bullock wagons were out of date, and that something quicker and lighter ought to be brought into use. King John became enthusiastic over this, and cried out, "Gee, Yes! it's about time somebody invented a light wagon." The following year a light four-wheeled wagon was invented, and because of the King's famous words it was called a Gee Yes! wagon. This type has been considerably improved upon, with the result that at the present time there exists an excellent army vehicle known in military circles as a G.S. wagon.

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

C.S.M. H. K. West has again proceeded to Enfield, this time, we understand, to gain further knowledge in the habits and instincts of Light Automatics.

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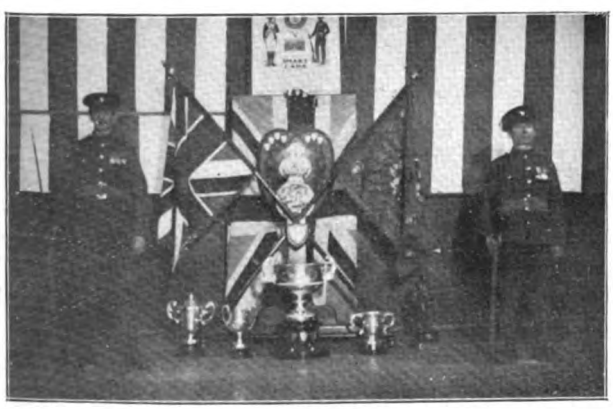
On 9th January we held our Annual Ball. Lieut.-Col. C. O. P. Gibson, M.C., was present, and also the following Officers with



THE COLOURS AT THE PRUDHOE COMPANY'S BALL.

their ladies and friends:—Capt. W. Watson, M.C.; Capt. R. Wood; Capt. B. Peacock, M.C.; Lieut. A. McLellan; and Capt. R. Wood, M.C. (9th T.A. Batt. Durham Light Infantry). For the first time, we think, the Colours were displayed at a Company function, and there is no doubt but that the many visitors greatly appreciated the privilege and were much impressed by the splendour which was added to the ballroom by their presence. We were sorry to observe the absence of the rest of the left half battalion (Champion Company), they would perhaps have learnt a point or two!

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Company Classes are now in full swing, the following taking place at Company Headquarters:—Section and Platoon Leaders, Advanced Lewis Gun, and Elementary Lewis Gun. It is hoped that the many wise words spoken by the Instructors will show good results later on in the Training Season.

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Last month we said a few words about a Regimental Chariot, now we understand that "Quack-Mack" has inspected a few vehicles. At the moment prices are rather high, and the general opinion is that by waiting awhile a few pounds may be saved. One outfit was offered at £3 10s., but its method of progression was uncertain (however, with the assistance of a few Lewis Gun spare parts there is no doubt but that it would do anything asked of it).

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We are pleased to report that our only subaltern has appeared again, he seems very well and none the worse for his visit to London at the New Year.

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If the powers that be are thinking of having any Board Meetings in this district we could indicate an excellent spot to hold the meeting, with possibly a little rabbit shooting thrown in after lunch! (Geebson would like this place.)

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Whilst going to press we learn that, subject to the inspection of the ground by the Divisional Staff, we are going to camp at Pwllheli from 14th to 28th June. Everyone is now wondering when the smaller fry will be going to inspect the ground, and if it will be necessary to change at Thirsk on the way back.

5TH BATTALION (T.A.) NOTES.

WALKER.

We heartily congratulate our Commanding Officer on obtaining a further extension of command until the 16th February, 1926; he has become such an integral part of the Battalion that we cannot picture the Battalion without him.

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Owing to the Battalion reaching the final of the Division in the Territorial Army Association Football Cup, the Battalion Tactical Exercise, which was to have been held at Chollerford in November, had to be postponed as we met the 6th Batt. Durham Light Infantry on the very day we had arranged to go to Chollerford. Unfortunately we lost a hard-fought match by 3 goals to 0. Our football team has to be congratulated on going so far without any practice as a team. The aforementioned Tactical Exercise now takes place on the 24th and 25th January, and Officers can be seen in trains and trams proceeding to their daily labours, completely wrapped up in the study of the various Training Manuals; in fact, it is rumoured that one diligent officer completed the "Inner Circle" railway journey (Newcastle–Whitley Bay–Newcastle) three times before he woke up to the fact.

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The Gosforth Detachment held a very successful Officers' Dance at the Assembly Rooms, Gosforth, on the 13th January. There were about 90 people present, and dancing went on until 1 a.m. Capt. Leete and his Committee are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts, and it is hoped that the dance was as much a financial success as it was a social one.

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Battalion Courses of every conceivable military subject begin at the end of this month, and there is every indication that they will be well attended.

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The strongest rumour so far is that the Battalion will carry out its annual training in Wales, at a salubrious spot, "Felly"—believed to be spelt "Phwelli." Some "prenunciatory experts" would have us believe that it is pronounced "Filly," but we don't believe them—yet! We may possibly listen to them again later on.

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We hear that Mr. Thomas, of the Depôt, is just about to leave for East Africa. We shall be very sorry, as he has now spent

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three annual trainings with this Brigade, and a good deal of the knowledge possessed by all ranks of this Unit is due to his teaching with his Training Cadre. We feel sure that the "trained troops of the thirsty tribes of the Tanganika Territory" will greatly benefit by his presence amongst them. We wish him the very best of luck.

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We congratulate Mr. Davidson on passing Part I. of Certificate "A" on the 15th January.

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We have to regretfully record the loss of the services of Capt. N. Heslop, who has moved to Blackburn for business reasons. Heslop joined the 5th Battalion on the 30th July, 1915, and since the 6th January, 1924, has commanded "A" Company. He always showed the greatest keenness at all times, and was always willing to do all in his power to increase the efficiency of the Battalion. We all regret his loss and wish him all good luck in his new surroundings.

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

We welcome to the Battalion three new subalterns, viz. 2nd-Lieut. G. L. A. France, late Cadet Sgt.-Major Leys School O.T.C.; 2nd-Lieut. A. H. M. Field, late Cadet Sergt., Hymers College O.T.C.; and 2nd-Lieut. P. Gardner, late Cadet Sergt., Shrewsbury School O.T.C. We hope they will all have successful careers with the Battalion.

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On the 10th January, 1925, various Officers attended a staff ride at Harrogate, which was on the same piece of country as the Divisional Staff Ride which some of us attended in December. There was a good turn out of Officers, and Major G. E. Wilkinson, Major W. Anderson, and Capt. and Adjt. J. T. Leese were directors of the three syndicates.

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The keenness displayed was commendable, and the answers to the problems were tackled quite satisfactorily. A new aeroplane formation for company attack was developed, contrary to all military principles, and even the illusive habitation known as "Stopes Hall" was discovered by some of the most intelligent. The facetious remarks of some of the company commanders who confused topography with local fiction were hardly in place. The outing was generally voted pleasant and instructive.

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We welcome our new Sgt.-Major, R.S.M. Capstaff, who comes to us from the 2nd Battalion, with a fine record. We feel sure that he will follow in the footsteps of his predecessors in putting his heart and soul into the Battalion work, and we can only hope that when he leaves us he will be able to hand over to his successor a Battalion up to strength.

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At the moment, courses are being held at Fenham Barracks for Officers and N.C.O.'s, and after this next month training proper for camp will begin.

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There are the usual rumours that next camp is to be at a place unpronouncable in the wilds of North Wales. Whether this is only a rumour remains to be seen, but we think that the Battalion will welcome a far-distant camp, as the camping grounds near at hand are now too familiar.

We are glad to learn that the contemplated Memorial to the fallen officers to be erected in the Mess is now in hand, and is to take the form of a stained glass window.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
22nd January, 1925.

The passing of Fusilier Thos. S. Aitchison, Headquarter Wing, Berwick, at the early age of 30, will be regretted by all ranks. He had been soldiering with the Battalion for over twelve years, and was one of the first to volunteer for active service in 1914. He then concealed an injury to his leg as the result of an accident in the mine, and stuck some six weeks of the second Battle of Ypres before he was wounded, when the R.A.M.C. discovered his former disability and he was marked for permanent home service. Joining the Officers' Mess staff of the 7th (Reserve) and 4th (Reserve) Battalions, he rendered good service in that capacity for over two years, and was thus well known to practically every Officer of the 149th Brigade.

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On reconstruction he was among the first to re-enlist, and, as batman to Major Smail, he also did service in the Mess. It was only at last annual training that Col. Wright presented him with his Efficiency Medal. A smart, clean, keen soldier, he will be much missed at next camp.

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Full military honours were accorded by "D" Company at his funeral on Sunday, 28th December. A firing party was provided under C.S.M. Payne, and there was a following party under Sgt. Weatherley. Major Smail, T.D., Capt. Mackay, and Capt. McCreath, M.C., were also in attendance. Sgt. A. Knox, M.M., Cpl. E. Weatherburn, Fusrs. A. J. Wilkie and J. Spiers, as old comrades still serving, acted as bearers, while, by kind permission of Major C. F. Kennedy, Commanding Depôt K.O.S. Borderers, the pipers and a bugler attended and the last rites were performed with befitting dignity. The attendance of ex-members of the Battalion at the funeral was fine, and a fitting tribute to Aitchison's popularity. To his widow and four children we extend our sincere sympathy.

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Congratulations to Col. H. E. Trevor, C.M.G., D.S.O., a former Brigade Major of the Northumberland Brigade, on his appointment as Officer i/c Records, York.

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Classes in Section Leading, Lewis and Machine Guns are now in full swing at all drill halls.

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Recruiting has commenced and is proceeding steadily at all stations. There was a fine response at Berwick, where twenty recruits joined up in a week.

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Cpl. J. Coulthard, Headquarter Wing, Berwick, attended a course of instruction and was attached to the D.L.I. Depôt from the 5th to 17th of this month.

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"C" Company, with commendable initiative, organised a whist drive and dance in aid of Alnwick Infirmary, on Saturday, 17th instant. This was one of a series of Winter dances held in the Drill Hall, Amble, under the auspices of the Company, and of which Sgt.-Instr. Cole is the moving spirit and organiser.

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Mr. J. Winter thanked the large company for their presence. The prizes, all of which were given, were at the close of the whist drive presented by Mrs. Cole, as follows :—*Ladies*—Miss M. Davidson, Miss A. H. Bailes and Miss B. Burgess ; *Gentlemen* —Messrs. J. Hopper, J. Weightmen and D. H. Beauchamp, Mr. G. E. Wood having the lucky number ticket. After an excellent supper, the dance commenced, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

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We are sorry to hear that Capt. Mackay has had a breakdown in health, and will have to undergo an operation in a private nursing home in Edinburgh next week. We wish him the best of luck and a speedy enough recovery to enable him to attend annual training.

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The refreshments were in the capable hands of Mrs. Green, Mrs. Cole and Miss Bartle, and they deserve praise for the success they achieved in this department. The M.C.'s for the dance were Cpl. White and Fus. Stevens, Cpl. Murray acted as door steward, and Sgts. Tuck and Snowdon carried out the duties of cloakroom attendants.

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Sgt.-Instr. Cole, as a result of the effort, has forwarded the handsome sum of £41 4s. to the Governors of Alnwick Infirmary, and "C" Company are to be heartily congratulated on this splendid result.

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The Chatton Platoon of "C" Company scored a huge success with their first venture in a social capacity, their dance held in the Parish Hall on Friday, 23rd January, being most successful and enjoyable in every respect. Close on 200 attended, including a party from Company Headquarters and Alnwick, all of whom enjoyed themselves to the full. Much credit for this is due to Sgt. White and Lce.-Cpl. Rutherford, who as M.C.'s were capable and energetic, and as a result the dance went with a fine swing throughout. Cpl. J. L. Wilson also enacted the duties of Secretary most efficiently.

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The dance was led off by Major Smail and Miss Rutherford, who each received a present from the Detachment as an acknowledgment. To splendid music by the Band from Alnwick, under Brizlee (ex-Cpl. Wilcox, 4th Res. Northd. Fusiliers), dancing was kept up with zest till about 4 a.m., encores being numerous. A splendid supper, arranged by a ladies' committee, was served in relays in the School, and was much enjoyed.

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Among those present were Major Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O. (Adjutant), Capt. T. Appleby (O.C. "C" Company) and Mrs. Appleby, Lieut. Adlard, M.M., 2nd-Lieut. G. H. Green, the Rev. F. Long, Vicar of Chatton, R.S.M. Rowsell, M.S.M., Sgt.-Dmr. Adamson, Alnwick ; Sgt.-Instr. and Mrs. Cole, Amble ; ex-Colour Sgt. J. E. Allen and Mrs. Allen, and Mr. Bassett, Schoolhouse.

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The R.S.M., who later in the evening assumed fancy dress, was the life and soul of the party.

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The M.C.'s, Secretary and Committee were the recipients of many congratulations on the success of the dance, which was voted to be the best held in the village for very many years.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
31st January, 1925.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years :—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1913, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, and 1921.

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Surrounded by new calendars, the 'Xmas decorations having vanished after a brief spell of riotously decorative splendour, it dawns upon us that with the January number we are entering upon a new volume of the *St. George's Gazette*. We consider, therefore, that the moment has arrived in which a few well chosen words should flow from our Editorial pen.

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The first of these is decidedly self-congratulatory, and deals with the restoration of the old Magazine to its pre-war size of 24 pages, to which gigantic dimensions it has now obtained, and at which we hope it will be maintained in the future. This is due to our satisfactory financial position, and to the literary support that we have received from our various unit correspondents. To these, and to our subscribers generally, we tender our sincerest thanks for their loyalty.

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Next we would call the attention of our readers to another important source of our financial prosperity, namely our advertisers. In some forms of journalism advertisements are the main source of revenue. In our case, where all service barring printing is voluntarily and freely given, we can be independent of advertisements. We do not, however, think such exclusiveness is warranted, so we have been at some pains to increase the number of our advertisers. It is now up to our readers to give their support to the firms whose advertisements appear in our pages, and we appeal to them, when they contemplate investing in anything from a boot to a bank to refer to the *St. George's Gazette*, and get the goods from a firm whose advertisement appears therein.

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Finally, we offer to all the literary and pictorial artists whose work has adorned these pages, and to the patient P.R.I.'s who have devoted their energy to whipping-up subscribers, for their labours during the past year, our most grateful thanks.

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Extract from *Richmond and Twickenham Times* of Saturday 17th January, 1925 :—

> At the Richmond police station on Wednesday afternoon (16/1/25), Acting Sub-divisional Inspector Bicknell presented ex-Police-sergeant W. Gosling with a gold watch and chain on behalf of his former confreres, who, as did the public generally, held him in the highest esteem. Sub-divisional Inspector Bicknell alluded to the "lot" of a policeman, and highly eulogised the services of Mr. Gosling, who spoke briefly and appropriately in acknowledgment. Before joining the police force, in which he served for twenty-five years, Mr. Gosling was in the Army, having altogether thirty-two years' service. He was in Richmond for about eleven years.

Many old Fusiliers will remember Mr. Gosling in the FIFTH. He is a regular attendant at the meetings of the Old Comrades' Association (London Area).

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The 2nd Annual Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society Ball will be held in the Old Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Friday, 24th April, 1925.

Major-General Sir Percival and Lady Wilkinson have consented to receive the guests.

Tickets, price 30s., can be obtained from Capt. C. G. Arkwright, Depôt, Fifth Fusiliers, Fenham Barracks.

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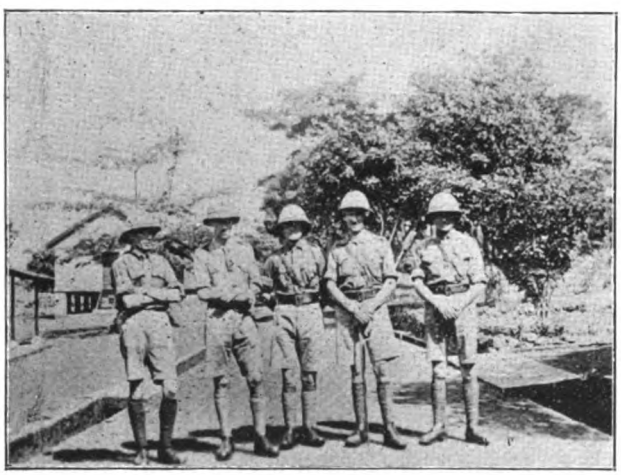
The photograph accompanying this note is one more proof of the influence of comradeship which the mantle of our Patron Saint sheds upon all good 5th Fusiliers, wheresoever the fates may have called them, upon St. George's Day. Whether it be



ST. GEORGE'S DAY AT SIERRA LEONE, 1924.
SGT. GRUNDY. CAPT. PEASE. LIEUT. ALEXANDER. C.S.M. TAYLOR.

in Sierra Leone, Timbuctoo or at the North Pole, if two or three 5th Fusiliers be within measurable distance of one another, they will, assuredly, upon St. George's Day be found gathered together.

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Subscriptions due in February, 1925 :—

Major R. M. Booth, D.S.O.	Capt. G. E. B. Plummer
Sgt.-Maj. McKim	Mrs. Williams

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Mrs. A. Armstrong (2nd Batt.)	Mrs. J. Stephenson (2nd Batt.)
Pte. L. H. Ferrett	The Editor "Memories"
Major-Gen. F. L. Festing, C.M.G.	Mrs. A. Miles (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. Holland (2nd Batt.)	Major-Gen. F. D. Pilcher, C.B.
Mrs. McCulloch (2nd Batt.)	Lt.-Col. H. W. Warwick

Letter to the Editor.

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION
(LONDON AREA).

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

SIR,

Would you kindly allow me, through your columns, to remind those officers who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1925 that these fell due on the 1st January?

I should be thankful if, in doing so, they would adopt the suggestion made by Major-General Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., in his circular letter last year, and send *to me*, as Hon. Treasurer, a Bankers' Order for the amount they desire to subscribe. If required I can send a form of Bankers' Order for the purpose on application.

So far some 20 officers are subscribing amounts from 10s. to £2 in this manner; but more than 30, who are still on the books, have not yet paid their subscriptions. The minimum subscription is only 4s. a year, so as to allow all to join, but we aim at *an average* of £1 an officer, which would enable us to carry on, free from debt, as we have hitherto done.

I have acknowledged receipt of all orders sent to me to date, and those sent direct to the Banker (Lloyds Bank, 6, Pall Mall, S.W. 1) up to the 31st December last; and will acknowledge those I find in the Pass-book paid in since when I next see it. But to enable my books to be kept up to date, it is clearly best to send the Bankers' Orders to me to note and forward to the paying Bank.

Yours truly,
D. SAPTE, *Colonel*,
Hon. Treasurer O.C.A.

19th January, 1925.
6, Richmond Bridge Mansions, Twickenham.

"HOMEWARD BOUND."

SS. *Neuralia.*

I cannot commence these notes without referring to the "send off" we had when leaving the Battalion. It was considered by all to be the best send-off any draft has had since the Battalion came on foreign service. Perhaps the hour of departure was a convenient one for all, but nevertheless if that was in our favour it was greatly appreciated. One of the party went as far as to say that it was the best send-off he had seen in the Regiment, and his service extended over twenty-one years. We left Fyzabad about 1.45 p.m., travelling rather slowly through Allahabad and Jubbulpore to Itarsi, which we reached at 5 a.m. on Thursday. Our first stop was at Allahabad, which we reached at 8.30 o'clock on Tuesday night and remained there until 8.20 a.m. on Wednesday, when we departed for Jubbulpore, accompanied by a party of the Cheshire Regiment, also homeward bound.

After a couple of stops for meals we arrived at Jubbulpore at 7.30 p.m., and left again at 8.30 p.m., finally arriving at Itarsi at 5 a.m. on Thursday, after a none too pleasant journey. Here we had expected to join a Troop Special as soon as we arrived, but found we had to wait eight hours before it put in an appearance. Eventually we left Itarsi, about 1.45 p.m. The Troop Special had been travelling fairly well, having left Rawal Pindi the same day as we left Fyzabad. However, we were all pleased to detrain at Deolali about 6 a.m. on Friday. After rushing about here and there for kit bags and boxes, and finally getting them stacked ready for conveyance, we marched off in parties for the Overseas Rest Camp. Breakfast was ready on our arrival, although none of us seemed keen to look for the dining hall until we had located our kit bags and boxes, which were being unloaded from the lorries. We had plenty of room in the tents, although we wandered about for some time before they were alloted to us.

The remainder of Friday and Saturday we spent cleaning ourselves up. Troops were arriving at all hours of the day, and the bath-house and wash-house and "happys" shop were always well filled. Quite a lot found their way to the money exchange office during the afternoon, but I think the majority of the FIFTH were waiting for Pay Day.

The routine at Deolali appeared to me to be a bit "Irish." First of all the heavy baggage is stacked and then put into

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trucks at Deolali Station, ready to leave at right time. After the kits have gone, there is a parade, when we are told whether we are to leave Deolali or not. When the R.S.M. shouted "Markers" for this parade, there were twenty-eight of them, but as the Regiments were called out they formed up into drafts, of which there were about seven. The FIFTH formed part of "C" Draft, along with the Cheshires, Worcesters, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, 4th Hussars, R.F.A., and R.A.S.C., with a Major and Subaltern in charge.

The day we paraded some men who should have sailed by the previous boat were still omitted from the roll, but they eventually left with us. These men had had to go to the station on the first occasion and bring their kits back again. Along with a Church Parade, this all took place on the "day of rest." On Monday morning, at 11 o'clock there was a Medical Inspection. If anyone had been marked "unfit" I am afraid he would have had to go to Bombay for his kit bags, as they leave Deolali the night before the inspection takes place. At 2 p.m. we stacked our small kits and then made tracks for the Pay Office. We were to depart from camp for Bombay at 9 p.m., and at 7 p.m. there was still no definite order regarding the blankets. The majority of us handed them in, but found out later that we had to withdraw them again and take them with us. This affair did not suit the "Canteen Wallers," happening as it did within canteen hours. Nevertheless when we paraded to move off they didn't seem any worse off for the half-hour they had missed. It was really marvellous how some of them arrived at the station. However, it was 11.30 p.m. before the train moved off for Bombay.

We had not been travelling long before everyone was asleep and when we rose on Tuesday morning we were within sight of Bombay. The train pulled up opposite the boat, and we detrained at 7.15 a.m. After having breakfast on the dockside we were surprised to hear of another Medical Inspection, because only 18 hours had elapsed since the last one, and we had been in the train half that time. We merely got a ticket which had printed on it "Fit to embark," and which we were to hand in at the top of the gangway when we went aboard. These tickets were never handed in, as no one appeared to collect them. The embarkation was not a very long job, as all the heavy baggage had been loaded the day before. We set sail from Bombay at 2.45 p.m., and as soon as we were clear of the harbour we commenced our boat drill. This was merely to show us where to fall-in if the alarm went. The first time lifebelts were used it took us over three-quarters of an hour to find them, but before we reached the English Channel I think we were breaking records at getting to our posts. As I have already mentioned, we still had our blankets with us, and they proved useful the first night, because no hammocks were issued. After having a good look round the boat and finding out where we were allowed and where we were not allowed, the opinion of all was that we hadn't enough room. There would be over a thousand troops on board at this time.

On Saturday afternoon we sighted the Arabian Coast, and reached Aden at 9 o'clock on Sunday night. On Monday morning the Royal Scots' advance party disembarked, and in their place we took on a draft from the Border Regt. and the 14th Pack Battery, R.F.A. During the breakfast hour we were treated to a few "stunts" by two airmen. At 1.30 p.m. we left Aden and were paid out at 2 p.m. The following day we passed a few British Naval craft about tea-time. On Thursday, the 30th, a concert was arranged by the old Fyzabad Chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Carter, and took place at 8.15 p.m. on the promenade, deck. It was impossible for even a quarter of us to hear the concert, but those who were lucky enough to get a front seat said it was good. We reached Suez at 4 p.m., and after getting the searchlight in order we started for the Suez Canal at 6.30 p.m., reaching Port Said at 8.30 a.m. On entering the harbour we passed the *Glengorm Castle*, with troops aboard from Mesopotamia. All ranks above that of Corporal were allowed ashore during "coaling," and I noticed some who even went ashore to play cricket. I should have been pleased to have been a spectator.

The *Glengorm Castle* left at 5 p.m., and the *Neuralia* at 6 p.m. We were all pleased to be on the go again, and this was expected to be our last stop before reaching England. At 11 a.m. on Sunday we passed the *Glengorm Castle*. We didn't seem to be going as fast as we would have liked, although we passed over a score of boats and were never passed by any that we could see. At about midnight on Monday we ran into a storm, but when we arose on Tuesday all was calm again. Up to the present the weather has been very good.

On 4th November we passed Malta, about 5.30 p.m. An attempt was made to hold a Boxing Competition, but as only six entries could be obtained it proved a failure. In its place sports were held, which commenced with an Obstacle Race, on the afternoon of the 5th. The Regiment had several representatives in this, but failed to obtain any prizes. The following afternoon we were to have had Pillow Fighting, when the losers would have had to fall into a cold-water bath. The weather, however, proved all against this, therefore Cock-fighting took its place. Shortly after dinner we passed Algiers, and were able to get a good view, being quite close to the coast.

On the 7th November Tug-of-War occupied our time during the afternoon, and with this our sports were concluded. It will be seen that the sports were not a very elaborate affair, but it was as much as the Sports Committee could manage to arrange from the entries received. At 9 p.m. we made an unexpected call at Gibraltar. We had on board a child seriously ill, and it was thought wise to put it ashore here. This occupied the best part of an hour, and we set off again about 10 p.m. With the approach of morning we were all prepared for a rough time. Rumours were going around that we were in the Bay of Biscay, whereas we didn't approach Cape Finisterre until 6.30 p.m. on the 9th November. We found the sea a bit rough shortly before we reached the Bay, and it continued the same until we reached Brest. I think the majority of us remained good sailors, as the tables were always full at meal times.

On 11th November we were well in the English Channel, and sighted Blighty about 10 a.m. The boat possessed 3 Buglers, so we were to be well off for the celebration of Armistice Day. Out of 1,500 troops on board we must have had at least 200 Bandsmen, and Drummers amongst them. Three Drummers were detailed to practice the "Last Post" in the hammock room the day previous, but only one turned up. One had his false teeth in his "civvy box," and for some reason the other failed to put in an appearance. Therefore on Armistice Day it remained for one of the FIFTH to do his best. This he intended to make his last appearance as a Bugler in the Army, and, although he had the chance to sound a call or two afterwards, he remained true to his intentions. Having to sound the "Last Post" and the "Reveille" on the "bridge," it was possible to obtain a good view of the coast of England. We finally berthed in Southampton at 8 a.m. on the 12th, and disembarked at 10.30 a.m. An hour in the coffee stall on the dock side, and we were away by train at 11.30 a.m.

A few days before arrival at Southampton we received our last pay on boat, which included 10s. for travelling allowances in

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England. The majority had spent this 10s. prior to disembarkation.

We arrived in Newcastle a little before midnight on the 12th. After having a good supper, we slept in the Gymnasium, where beds had been provided for us. We were all pleased when we were fitted up in "civvies" and went for pay. No one was allowed any pay unless he had his civilian clothes on. We were obliged to leave the Depôt minus a hat, collar and tie, unless we cared to buy them when we received pay. Quite a lot left the Depôt just before tea minus hat, collar and tie. Getting into a car at the Barracks, we kept out of sight until we reached the station, where we took the waiting room by storm, until we once more became respectably dressed, to continue our journeys to our homes, some having to travel to London, and further South to Folkestone.

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION (LONDON AREA).

The second annual General Meeting was held at Headquarters, Veterans Club, Hand Court, Holborn, W.C., on Friday, 9th January, 1925.

There were about 60 members present, including Brigadier-General G. L. H. Armstrong and Colonel D. Sapte, hon. treasurer.

The chair was occupied by Mr. E. J. Halliday, Chairman of the Committee, in the enforced absence of our President, Lt.-Col. C. P. Hawkes, from whom a telegram was received expressing regret at his inability to be present.

Lt.-Col. C. P. Hawkes was re-elected President. Col. D. Sapte was re-elected Treasurer.

Col. D. Sapte spoke a few words, stating that with pleasure he accepted the Treasurership of the Association for the current year, and that he would do his utmost to further its progress.

Next it was decided to elect a Vice-President, inasmuch as the Association has grown to warrant this step. Subsequently Mr. W. Lees was elected to this office, as an appreciation of the splendid work he has performed as one of the Committee in the administration of the Association.

COMMITTEES (elected by votes).

General Committee.—Capt. J. T. Rowland (chairman), Mr. J. Arnold, Mr. J. G. Chilton, Mr. P. Maydon, Mr. W. Wright, Mr. G. Redhead (*ex-officio*), Mrs. M. Broad.

Employment Committee.—Mr. G. J. Halliday (chairman and secretary), Mr. J. Jeffs, Mr. J. Arnold.

Entertainment Committee.—Mr. J. G. Chilton (chairman and secretary), Mr. N. H. Leonard, Mr. W. Wright, Mr. B. H. Martin, Mr. C. Dances.

Mr. H. I. Morgan was unanimously re-elected Secretary. He thanked the members present for their appreciation, and said that he would endeavour to do his best for the progress of the Association. He announced that the membership had considerably increased during the past year, the present numbers being :—Officers, 53 ; Other Ranks, 150 ; Lady Members, 34.

Our two latest joined members are :—Mr. J. Jeffs, late Sgt.-Major, 1st Battalion, well known to many of us ; Mr. W. Comerford, a gallant old Fusilier, who joined the Regiment in 1859, and though vastly over-age wangled his way out to France and was storeman for a long time with the 1st Battalion in the Salient. Such is the spirit of the men of the FIFTH. We welcome him amongst us most cordially, together with Mrs. Comerford, who has joined the ranks of our lady members.

Capt. J. T. Rowland proposed a vote of thanks for the splendid work of the Chairman of Committee, Mr. E. G. Halliday ; the Secretary, Mr. H. I. Morgan ; and Committee during the past year.

It was reported by the Entertainment Secretary, Mr. A. E. Bosten, that owing to the regrettably poor attendance of members at the dances, it has been decided to discontinue these after completion of the programme arranged and to substitute concerts, whist drives, etc., in the next programme.

The necessary arrangements for celebrating St. George's Day are already being pushed forward. At present it is proposed to carry out the visit to the Cenotaph on Sunday, the 19th April, 1925, and to celebrate St. George's Day at Headquarters, the Veterans Club, Hand Court, Holborn, W.C., where it is proposed to hold a Social Dance.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. W. Stone, Secretary of the Veterans Club, for the kindness and consideration he has always shown to the O.C.A. by arranging for the necessary accommodation for any function we are desirous of holding at the Club.

We trust that Officers Commanding 1st and 2nd Battalions, and Depôt will note that we have an O.C.A. in London, open to all, and men who are being discharged or transferred to the Army Reserve will be welcomed amongst us. So far only 3 new members have been obtained from this source.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1924.

INCOME.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Donations and Subscriptions—		
Officers	39 6 0	
Other Ranks	13 15 0	
Lady Members	2 14 0	
		55 15 0
Donation from Colonel Landen, for wreath—Pte. Garrity (*contra*)		0 10 6
Value of St. George's Day Roses unsold		1 8 8
		£57 14 2

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
St. George's Day Concert	7 14 0½	
Wines to 1st and 2nd Battalion, Depôt	0 16 8	
Janitor	0 3 6	
		8 14 2½
Wreath for Cenotaph		1 5 0
Dinner Fund, Armistice night		6 10 0
Concert after General Meeting		0 16 6
Committee Badges		0 16 0
Tobacco, etc., to Royal Veterinary Hospital		0 8 3
Presentation to Mr. Edwardes		1 10 0
Wreath Pte. Garrity, R.V. Hospital		0 10 6
St. George's Gazette		0 17 6
Postages, Telegrams Printing, etc.		14 16 0
		36 3 11½
Balance—Excess Income over Expenditure for year		21 10 2½
		£57 14 2

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1924.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Capital Account—		
Balance at 31st December, 1923	21 11 11½	
add Excess Income over Expenditure for year to 31st December, 1924	21 10 2½	
		43 2 2
		£43 2 2
Cash at Bank	32 3 6	
Cash in hand	5 0 6	
		37 4 0
Loan A/c.—Dance Fund—Balance 1st January, 1924	0 12 0	
add further amounts during year	3 19 6	
	4 11 6	
less amounts repaid	2 2 0	
		2 9 6
Stock of Regimental Badges, 1st January, 1924	3 0 0	
less sold during year	1 0 0	
		2 0 0
Value of St. George's Day Roses unsold		1 8 8
		£43 2 2

(Signed) H. I. MORGAN, *Secretary*, London, 5.1.25.

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"Quo fata vocant."

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THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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voluntarily advanced from the Welter-weight Class. He was not lacking in determination and was always carrying the fight

to his opponent to gain a good lead on points. In the last round, however, he was almost out to a vicious right. He survived and gained the verdict on points. This contest took a deal of the sting out of Catterick for his fight in the final with Murphy. Still he was game to the last and forced the fighting so long as he could stand up. Murphy, however, was in splendid fettle and gave Catterick a terrific time before eventually causing him to throw in the second round. On his showing in this fight Murphy has improved beyond all recognition, and has acquired what he has always previously lacked—a real knock-out, which he can now deliver very effectively with either hand.

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RESULTS.

Bantam-weight.—1st Series—Fus. Salt, H.Q., beat Fus. Milburn, "A" Coy. Semi-finals—Fus. Hosker, "D" Coy., beat Fus. Oakes, "B" Coy., on points; Fus. Salt, H.Q., beat Fus. Malone, "D" Coy., on points. Final—Fus. Hosker, "D" Coy., beat Fus. Salt, H.Q., on points.

Feather-weights.—1st Series—Fus. Hawkins, "A" Coy., beat Fus. Dean, H.Q.; Fus. Ancliffe, "D" Coy., beat Lce.-Cpl. Alder, H.Q., Semi-finals—Fus. Hawkins, "A" Coy., beat Fus. Ancliffe, "D" Coy., on points; Lce.-Cpl. O'Rourke, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Powell, "B" Coy. (2nd). Final—Fus. Hawkins, "A" Coy., beat Lce.-Cpl. O'Rouke, "B" Coy., on points.

Light-weight.—1st Series—Fus. Burns, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Kennedy, "B" Coy.; Fus. Turner, "A" Coy., beat Fus. Kearns, "B" Coy.; Fus. Lawson, "C" Coy., beat Fus. Blakeman, "B" Coy.; Fus. Bell, "B" Coy., beat Fus. De Coster, "A" Coy. Semi-final—Fus. Turner, "A" Coy., beat Fus. Burns, "B" Coy. (Med.); Fus. Lawson, "C' Coy., beat Fus. Bell, "B" Coy. (2nd). Final—Fus. Lawson, "C" Coy., beat Fus. Turner, "A" Coy., on points.

Welter-weight.—1st Series—Fus. Rutter, "D" Coy., beat Fus. Keith, "D" Coy.; Fus. Smith, "A" Coy., beat Fus. Wilson, "A" Coy.; Fus. Veitch, "C" Coy., beat Fus. Woodhouse, "A" Coy.; Lce.-Cpl. Hornsby, H.Q., beat Fus. Briggs, "A" Coy.; Fus. Stephenson, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Carter, "B" Coy.; Fus. Farley, "A" Coy., beat Fus. Whitt, "A" Coy. 2nd Series—Fus. Cunningham, "D" Coy., beat Fus. Walden, "A" Coy.; Fus. Rutter, "D" Coy., beat Fus. Smith, "A" Coy.; Fus. Veitch, "E" Coy., beat Lce.-Cpl. Hornsby, H.Q.; Fus. Stephenson, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Farley, "A" Coy. Semi-final—Fus. Cunningham, "D" Coy., beat Fus. Rutter, "D" Coy., on points; Fus. Stephenson, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Veitch, "C" Coy., on points. Final—Fus. Stephenson, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Cunningham, "D" Coy., on points.

Middle-weight.—1st Series—Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Kitson, "C" Coy.; Fus. Hayton, "A" Coy., beat Fus. Graham, "C" Coy. Semi-final—Fus. Murphy, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Overend, "B" Coy. (1st); Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Hayton, "A" Coy., on points. Final—Fus. Murphy, "B" Coy., beat Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, "B" Coy. (2nd round).

A SOLDIER'S ALPHABET.

A stands for the "Army," about which I am writing.
B stands for the "British Isles," for whom it is fighting.
C stands for the "Co-operation," by which I mean work "altogether."
D stands for the "Duty," which we do in all kinds of weather
E stands for the "Education" to which the Army is a thorough slave.
F stands for the "Fighting Fifth," which the Regiment earned for being brave.
G stands for the "Generals," who are the Armies' Chief Engineers.
H stands for the "Headquarters," whose "red tape" drove many to tears.
I stands for the "Interior Economy," or Inchcape's Reduction Scheme.
J stands for the "Judging Distance," by this I refer to our Eye Specialist's dream.
K stands for the "Knowledge" in general, which we should know to a turn.
L stands for the "Lewis Gun," which everyone has got to learn.
M stands for the "Musketry," which teaches us how to hit the mark.
N stands for the "Night Operations," which we always do at dark.
O stands for the "Opposition"—by this word I mean, from the "Foe."
P stands for the "Physical Training," which instructs you not to be "Slow."
Q stands for the "Quartermaster," whose Good Books it pays to keep "In."
R stands for the "Rifle," which we should treat as a "Next-of-kin."
S stands for the "Scout," to be one you must be a Jack of all "Trades."
T stands for the "Training"—this little word causes too many parades.

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U stands for the "Uniformity"—about this the C.S.M.'s always talking.
V stands for the "Visual Training," or watch where you go when out walking.
W stands for the "War," which is the cause of a soldier's employment.
X stands for the "Xmas," after which we use "Zambuk Ointment."
Y stands for the "Years," seven of which the Army generally claim.
Z stands for the "Zeal" we show which keeps Britain's Good Name.

And now I've finished the Alphabet, and I haven't missed a letter;
Seeing I'm not a Poet, you'll excuse me for not doing better.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

We have been in camp from 17th November, and concentrated for the first time since April.

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Life is very quiet these times, and the large exodus at the week-ends leaves us almost entirely in solitude's confines. However, we survive, as evidence the great and oft-repeated tustle for the Football Championship of the Mess—Married *v.* Single.

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This attractive fixture again blossomed forth in camp, and of course with the usual result. A draw of 4 goals each leaves us still undecided as to the merits of the respective classes—"Married and Happy" and "Unmarried and Sympathetic."

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One looks upon this fixture as a Carnival function, rather than an exhibition of how the game should be played. Still we have many admirers, and Sgt. Brown, as a goalkeeper, found himself besieged by enthusiasts around the goal-mouth all offering advice as to the best way of dealing with the tornado which at times swept his goal. Indeed, it was very difficult to tell whether he was pushed or held back, so oppositely engaged was he when some of the goals were scored.

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Our congratulations are extended to R.S.M. Brocklesby, D.C.M., C.S.M. Davis, C.S.M. Moon, C.Q.M.S. Tudor and C.Q.M.S. Pollard on promotion to substantive ranks.

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The Mess are about to lost the services of R.Q.M.S. Capstaff and C.S.M. Tyrrell, on posting to the T.A. at home.

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The R.Q.M.S. has been with us since the Battalion came abroad, and his loss will be very keenly felt by those who have served under him in an official capacity. A very keen enthusiast in all branches of sport and a most excellent Soccer and Hockey Referee, his services have been in much demand. As a player he has helped his old Company, "B," to success in football and hockey, and was a member of the side when they won the Hockey Championship two seasons ago, after three great and memorable struggles in the Final with "D" Coy. He goes home to his own County, where he is assured of many friends, and where, we are certain, he will make a very happy host for his comrades of the Regular Battalions when they call to pay their compliments. May he have infinite good luck and a very happy time—all the rewards of good and devoted services in the interest of the Regiment.

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C.S.M. Tyrrell has been with us for two years, during which time his genial disposition has made him a great favourite. Though originally a Munster Fusilier, he is a great Fifth Fusilier at heart, and happier company than when he is in the chair it is difficult to find. Long will his rendering of "Maudie" remain as a rich heirloom with us.

DEPOT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
23rd January, 1925.

Our Mess has been enriched by the presentation of the "History of Charles the Twelfth, King of Sweden," from the French of Voltaire by Smollett, printed in 1844. The book is small and encased in the canvas cover which was the fashion in those days. On the fly-leaf is written, "To the Depôt Mess Library, 5th Fusiliers, from the Nephew of Edmund Spry Tritton, Lt.-Col. J. W. Currie," and on another page the signature of the original owner, "Edmund Spry Tritton, 1st Sept., 1848."

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Our thanks are due to Colonel Currie for the gift itself, and for the kind thought which prompted him to return this relic of the past to its original home in the Regiment. In the letter to the Commanding Officer which accompanied the book, Col. Currie says, "I can't say I've ever read it, and I don't suppose you will." Taking this as a direct challenge, we have read enough to gather that King Charles was a most energetic monarch, who spent his whole life, from when he was 16 years of age to his death at 36, in leading his Army all over Eastern Europe, fighting everyone who withstood him. His chief foes were the Muscovites, Poles, Danes, Ostiacks, Samoides, Tartars, and others, and he fought them separately or together, as he found them, in towns, marshes, forests and mountains, and invariably in snow. We see him, on the frontispiece, going round "dinners" during a retreat, when thousands of soldiers were dying of frost-bite and hunger. An "Orderly Man" has complained of the bread as being unfit to eat, and has handed the King his ration for inspection.

The King is munching it with every appearance of enjoyment, and is saying, "It is not good, but it may be eaten."

Those of the Regiment who were in Ireland in '21, may remember a similar incident taking place at Borris. Those who were not will doubtless be thankful to us for making public this small exerpt from Military History, and the interesting principles it teaches.

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Talking of Ireland, members of the Baltinglass detachment will remember Fus. Timmins, who was one of the old soldiers enlisted locally for work in barracks, but were not to carry arms, and how he left without saying good-bye. He has made amends for his seemingly churlish behaviour, however, in the following letter which we hasten to publish, as it explains all, and raises a dark cloud from our minds.

"To the Officer in charge of Infintery Records, York."

Dear Sir,

You art me what was my reason for leaving the 1st N.F. my Reason is a breach of contract. Been in possession of Rifle and Ammenson when the other Ridgement. had none and Be accused as Been I.R.A. Man bye Capts Coogan at Baltinglass the hole Ridgement can tell.

Youss respectfully,
P. TIMMINS.

10, Staplestown Road, Carlow, Ireland."

Ah, well! Pat, we'll say no more about it—but did the bhoys niver tell yez not to call as the "In Ifs, "?

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We were disappointed, a few days ago, to hear that it had been decided that the 1st Battalion was not to fill its vacancy here, but that the 2nd Battalion were to send an Officer instead. It is a pity we are not to have the two Battalions equally represented, since the Depôt is the only place where members of the two Battalions can meet and exchange regimental ideas. However, the matter is not as serious as it might be in some Depôts. There are advantages in being a single numbered, single minded, regiment.

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People have been saying nice things about us lately. The draft which we sent out to the 2nd Battalion in October earned the praises of all who had to deal with it *en route*, and we came in for some of the reflected glory as having prepared it for the journey. Then, again, in the retrospect for 1924, "Chink"—whoever he may be—mentions our humble efforts at bringing the different parts of the regiment more closely together. We are indeed grateful, and determined to do even better in the future.

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Capt. Chipper paid us a visit the other day, on his return from West Africa, and we were delighted to see him looking so fit.

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Capt. E. E. Dorman-Smith, it is rumoured, has been spending some time on a visit to the regimental county, but rumour is a lying jade, and we feel that once again she must have been false.

GAMES NOTES.

HOCKEY.—5/68th Regimental Depôts *versus* North Durham. The combined Depôt won by 6 goals to 1. The following represented the 5th Fusiliers Depôt :—Capt. C. G. Arkwright, M.C., C.Q.M.S. Peak, R.Q.M.S. Redhead, Sgt. Cogan, Cpl. Burns and Cpl. Forbes.

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BOXING.—*Recruits Competition.*—From the point of view of the excellent spirit, keenness and team work shown in this competition, it must be one of the best that has ever been held at the Depôt.

Out of a total of a hundred and twenty recruits, over a hundred entered, or every man who was not prevented by sickness or the Medical Officer. This reflects the greatest credit on Q.M.S. Brown and his P.T. Staff, on the Squad Commanders, and most of all on the men themselves.

Although there was not much skill shown, every fight was fought with a will. The outstanding bouts were those between Fus. Ross and Marr, in the preliminary series, and between Campbell and Sharpe in the finals.

The Commanding Officer has decided to present good losers' medals to Fusrs. Marr and Sharpe for the excellent spirit they showed.

October (Sgt. Hart's) Squad are to be congratulated on winning the Boxing Shield.

The following are the team points and the results :—

1st.	October Squad ..	.. ..	90 points
2nd.	September II Squad	.. ..	84 ,,
3rd.	January Squad ..	.. ..	77 ,,
4th.	September 1st Squad	.. ..	75 ,,

The following table shows the last preliminary round and the semi-finals and finals :—

		Winner.	Winners.	Final.
112 to 120 lbs.				
Fus. Faris	Jan. Squad.	Fus. Faris	Fus. Faris	L/Cpl. Brough
Fus. McGurk	Oct. Squad.			
Fus. Stoves	Jan. Squad.	Fus. Ross		
Fus. Ross	Oct. Squad.			
Lce.-Cpl. Brough	Sept. I.	Lce.-Cpl. Brough	L/cpl. Brough	
Fus. Raper	Sept. II.			
Fus. Ford	Sept. II.	Fus. Ford		
Fus. Walker	Jan. Squad.			
130 to 140 lbs.				
Fus. Harrop	Sept. I.	Fus. Harrop	Fus. Harrop	Fus. Harrop
Fus. Walls	Oct. Squad.			
Fus. Calvin	Sept. I.	Fus. Calvin		
Fus. McGilivray	Sept. II.			
Fus. Rogers	Sept. I.	Fus. Rogers	Fus. Rogers	
Fus. Charlton	Jan. Squad			
Fus. McPherson	Sept. I.	Fus. McPherson		
Fus. Degan	Oct. Squad.			
140 to 150 lbs.				
Fus. Sharpe	Sept. II.	Fus. Sharpe	Fus. Sharpe	Fus. Campbell
Fus. Brown	Sept. II.			
Fus. Mullen	Sept. I.	Fus. Mullen		
Fus. Daynes	Sept. II.			
Fus. Campbell	Sept. II.	Fus. Campbell	Fus. Campbell	
Fus. Chalmers	Oct. Squad.			
Lce.-Cpl. Isaacs	Sept. II.	Lce.-Cpl. Isaacs		
Fus. Todd	Sept. II.			
120 to 130 lbs.				
Fus. McDonough	Oct. Squad.	Fus. Marren	Fus. Bedford	Fus. Bedford
Fus. Marren	Jan. Squad			
Fus. Bedford	Oct. Squad.	Fus. Bedford		
Fus. Maxwell	Sept. I.			
Fus. Rochester	Sept. II.	Fus. Rochester	Fus. Harris	
Fus. Donachie	Oct. Squad.			
Fus. Slack	Oct. Squad.	Fus. Harris		
Fus. Harris	Sept. II.			

A Draft of 1 Officer, 41 Other Ranks (Sgt. Earl and his family included), embark on the Transport *Marglen*, to join the 2nd Battalion, leaving Southampton on 18th February, 1925.

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Discharges confirmed as follows :—

No. 4256049 R.S.M. Johnston, for 26/12/24
No. 4256056 C.S.M. Prophet, for 26/12/24
No. 4257086 Cpl. Saunders, for 28/12/24
No. 4256385 Cpl. Percival, for 29/12/24

all of whom joined the Depôt *ex* the 2nd Battalion in India.

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No. 4257344 Sgt. T. Dodds re-embarked in the SS. *Assaye* at Southampton, 30/12/24, to rejoin the 2nd Battalion after a long leave in the United Kingdom.

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No. 4256059 C.S.M. Dresser (late R.S.M.), 6th Batt., was discharged on completion of his 21 years' service, 5th January, 1925.

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No. 7211454 Cpl. Gossage was appointed unpaid Lce-Sergt. 16/1/25, and proceeded to Hythe for a long Qualifying Course,

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4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

HEXHAM,

23rd January, 1925.

The New Year opened in this part of the world as the Old Year had departed—with rain, rain, rain ! In fact, 1st January constituted the wettest of recent wet days, which is saying a good deal.

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However, the latter part of the month has provided us with much better weather. Long may it continue !

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Company Classes have started at Newburn, Haltwhistle and Prudhoe, but so far the attendances have not been as good as they should be. There are, however, a number of real keen officers and n.c.o.'s who turn up regularly. The greatest credit is due to the latter, many of whom have to walk several miles to and from the Drill Hall. A man must be keen to turn up and turn out as well as these men do, and Company Commanders will have such men in view when there is any promotion going in the Company.

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The chief social event of the month was the Ball given by "Z" Company at Prudhoe on 9th January, an account of which appears in the Prudhoe Detachment Notes. The writer was unfortunately unable to attend, but from all accounts the Ball was a complete success from start to finish.

PRUDHOE COMPANY'S BALL.

Annual Training is now "provisionally" arranged to take place at Pwllheli, North Wales.

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Beyond finding this information useful in connection with one of our "Cross-Word Puzzles," we attach little importance to it, as it is already the third place "provisionally" decided upon during the last few months.

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Our Regimental Sergeant-Major, who is due for discharge early in March, is rumoured to have made arrangements to take over an old-established grocery business in the 5th Battalion area, where we hope for his sake that a goodly proportion of the 5th Battalion Training Grant will eventually find its way.

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Congratulations to Messrs. McLellan, Clark and Fleming on promotion.

"The Jesmond Jesters" gave an excellent programme at the Queen's Hall, Hexham, on 21st January, in aid of the funds of the Brigade Recreation Ground. The arrangements were as usual in the hands of our late Brigadier, Colonel E. P. A. Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O.

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Captain C. Chipper, M.C., is expected to return to these parts shortly on leave from Nigeria.

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No. 4257220 C.S.M. S. Clarke, from the 1st Battalion, has been posted to the Permanent Staff to relieve a/R.S.M. Wodehouse, who proceeds on furlough pending discharge on 21st February.

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The R.S.M. has been with the Battalion 5 years, first of all as Instructor at Haltwhistle, and for the last 4 years in his present appointment. During the period he has devoted himself with the greatest energy to the work and responsibility which his position has demanded, and the present satisfactory state of the Battalion is in no small measure due to his good example and devotion to duty.

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We are all glad to know that he is settling down in the neighbourhood, and the very best wishes of all ranks will accompany him into civil life. May the same measure of success attend his business that has attended his career as a Fifth Fusilier.

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In the matter of Rifle Shooting, it is an unfortunate fact that the Yeomanry and Engineers can still knock spots off us.

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In the Miniature Rifle Competitions held recently for the County Championships, the Northumberland Hussars as usual ran away with both Competitions, the results of which were as follows :—

THE "CHIPCHASE" MINIATURE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

	Application.	Rapid.	Total.
"C" Squadron, Northumberland Hussars ..	377	348	725
City of Newcastle Rifle Club	352	290	642
Tyne Electrical (Fortress) Royal Engineers ..	345	296	641
"A" Squadron, Northumberland Hussars ..	256	376	632
"Z" Coy., 4th Northumberland Fusiliers ..	282	301	583
"Y" Coy., 4th Northumberland Fusiliers ..	298	232	530
6th Northumberland Fusiliers	288	203	491
5th Northumberland Fusiliers	257	189	446

6th Northumberland Fusiliers "B" Team and Armstrong-Whitworth Walker Cadet Detachment N.F. returned no scores.

"VOLUNTEER SERGEANTS" TERRITORIAL MINIATURE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

	Application.	Rapid.	Total.
"C" Squadron, Northumberland Hussars ..	395	353	748
Tyne Electrical (Fortress) Royal Engineers ..	347	322	669
"Z" Coy., 4th Northumberland Fusiliers ..	291	299	590
6th Northumberland Fusiliers	318	246	564
"Y" Coy., 4th Northumberland Fusiliers ..	269	261	530
"A" Squadron, Northumberland Hussars ..	294	203	497
5th Northumberland Fusiliers	242	167	409

The 6th Northumberland Fusiliers "B" Team returned no scores.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

January has been more or less a dormant month at Newburn, and except for Company Classes and the Sergeants' Mess "Phat" Tournament, we have nothing much to put on record. We note, however, that war experience as an excuse for promotion is gradually losing itself in the modern military machine, and that examinations are insiduously working themselves into existence as an ingredient for the making of military efficiency.

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The Classes for "Section Leaders" are being fairly well attended, but the eagerness with which Lewis Gunners rush to the seat of learning leaves much to be desired.

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We offer congratulations to Mr. McLellan and Mr. Fleming on their promotion to Lieutenant.

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The "Prudhoe Guards" have again opened their arms in hospitality, on the occasion of their Annual Ball, held on 9th January, at which Capts. Watson, Wood, Peacock and Mr. McLellan were present.

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Our notes for last month did not include an account of the Sergeants' Mess "Phat" Tournament, which finished up on Christmas Day, the finalists being Sergt. Warner and partner *versus* Sergt. Turner and partner. The former were the winners,

"THE CRISIS."

NEWBURN SGTS' MESS "PHAT" TOURNAMENT.

but throughout the whole tournament intense excitement prevailed and speculation was wild. It is believed that C.S.M. Stuart and Partner were severely "Tin-hatted" and Sergt. Veitch and partner suffered strong defeat also. The advent of the final bout on Christmas Day was somewhat in the nature of a crisis, and a large crowd assembled to witness the thump of the final and winning ace.

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On Friday, 16th, the Northumberland and Durham Sergeants' Association held their Annual Dance at Newcastle, and it was a great success. R.Q.M.S. Connell, who is the Association President, presided, and he is to be congratulated on making the event such a social success.

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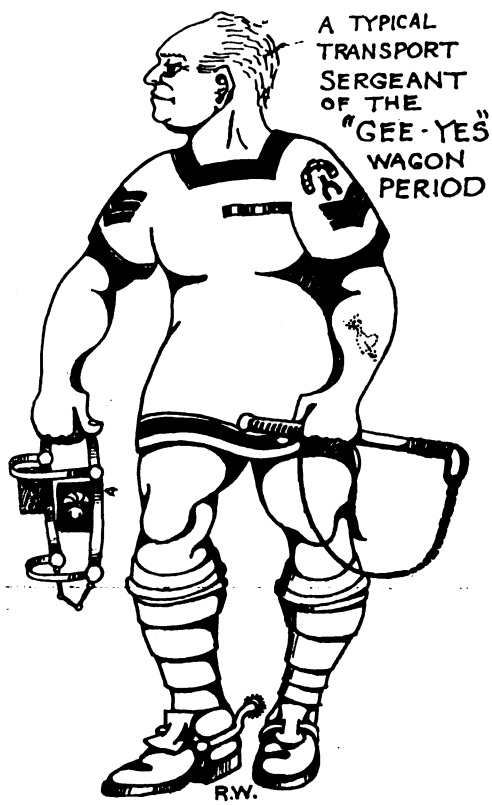
For the last three months Prudhoe seems to have been nursing a grievance, and it is remarkable that their "suitable reply" and "something really pungent" are not yet to hand.

Recently, at their fourth monthly meeting, the Newburn Branch of the Captains' Confederation was lectured on "The Evolution of Military Transport." From the earliest days of organised warfare, the necessity for carriage and cartage of baggage, etc., of an army, has always been fully appreciated. The Ancient Britons hunted their food in the nearest available forest on the line of trek, but this cannot be considered as a period within the history of organised warfare. During the times of the Roman occupation, the Ancient Britons learned the value of the circle, which signified perpetual motion, hence the cart wheel. Even to-day uncivilised tribes all over the world are still bewildered in a childlike manner, at their partly conceived value of this theory, and with native simplicity they execute war dances in the form of a circle, this being the full extent of their application of perpetual motion. Queen Boadicea was a very clever woman. She believed in a minimum of transport, and to save the cartage of food she evolved the idea of fixing curved blades to the axles of her war chariots. All the enemy limbs thus abbreviated were picked up in the rear by camp followers and were probably the foundation of



the original Maconachie. Napoleon Bonaparte once said, "Les armees marchant sur leurs tummies," but whether this means that an army should be fed before marching or whether an ample sufficiency should be brought with the troops, *a la* Carter Paterson, is a question usually solved by "The Board," but in the case of the lay mind must be left to the imagination. Bismarck, however, gives us a true perspective in his words, "Die Truppen gehen auf mit dem full stummiker." The first real transport wagon consisted of four solid wood wheels attached to a flat board and drawn by oxen. This mode of transport, however, was slow and ponderous, as King John discovered to his great discomfort when passing the Wash. It was this

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historical episode which caused the invention of the forerunner of the present G.S. wagon. After King John lost all his baggage in the Wash, he called a council of war. At this conference, one of the military chiefs suggested that bullock wagons were out of date, and that something quicker and lighter ought to be brought into use. King John became enthusiastic over this, and cried out, "Gee, Yes! it's about time somebody invented a light wagon." The following year a light four-wheeled wagon was invented, and because of the King's famous words it was called a Gee Yes! wagon. This type has been considerably improved upon, with the result that at the present time there exists an excellent army vehicle known in military circles as a G.S. wagon.

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

C.S.M. H. K. West has again proceeded to Enfield, this time, we understand, to gain further knowledge in the habits and instincts of Light Automatics.

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On 9th January we held our Annual Ball. Lieut.-Col. C. O. P. Gibson, M.C., was present, and also the following Officers with

THE COLOURS AT THE PRUDHOE COMPANY'S BALL.

their ladies and friends:—Capt. W. Watson, M.C.; Capt. R. Wood; Capt. B. Peacock, M.C.; Lieut. A. McLellan; and Capt. R. Wood, M.C. (9th T.A. Batt. Durham Light Infantry). For the first time, we think, the Colours were displayed at a Company function, and there is no doubt but that the many visitors greatly appreciated the privilege and were much impressed by the splendour which was added to the ballroom by their presence. We were sorry to observe the absence of the rest of the left half battalion (Champion Company), they would perhaps have learnt a point or two!

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Company Classes are now in full swing, the following taking place at Company Headquarters:—Section and Platoon Leaders, Advanced Lewis Gun, and Elementary Lewis Gun. It is hoped that the many wise words spoken by the Instructors will show good results later on in the Training Season.

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Last month we said a few words about a Regimental Chariot, now we understand that "Quack-Mack" has inspected a few vehicles. At the moment prices are rather high, and the general opinion is that by waiting awhile a few pounds may be saved. One outfit was offered at £3 10s., but its method of progression was uncertain (however, with the assistance of a few Lewis Gun spare parts there is no doubt but that it would do anything asked of it).

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We are pleased to report that our only subaltern has appeared again, he seems very well and none the worse for his visit to London at the New Year.

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If the powers that be are thinking of having any Board Meetings in this district we could indicate an excellent spot to hold the meeting, with possibly a little rabbit shooting thrown in after lunch! (Geebson would like this place.)

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Whilst going to press we learn that, subject to the inspection of the ground by the Divisional Staff, we are going to camp at Pwllheli from 14th to 28th June. Everyone is now wondering when the smaller fry will be going to inspect the ground, and if it will be necessary to change at Thirsk on the way back.

5TH BATTALION (T.A.) NOTES.

WALKER.

We heartily congratulate our Commanding Officer on obtaining a further extension of command until the 16th February, 1926; he has become such an integral part of the Battalion that we cannot picture the Battalion without him.

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Owing to the Battalion reaching the final of the Division in the Territorial Army Association Football Cup, the Battalion Tactical Exercise, which was to have been held at Chollerford in November, had to be postponed as we met the 6th Batt. Durham Light Infantry on the very day we had arranged to go to Chollerford. Unfortunately we lost a hard-fought match by 3 goals to 0. Our football team has to be congratulated on going so far without any practice as a team. The aforementioned Tactical Exercise now takes place on the 24th and 25th January, and Officers can be seen in trains and trams proceeding to their daily labours, completely wrapped up in the study of the various Training Manuals; in fact, it is rumoured that one diligent officer completed the "Inner Circle" railway journey (Newcastle–Whitley Bay–Newcastle) three times before he woke up to the fact.

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The Gosforth Detachment held a very successful Officers' Dance at the Assembly Rooms, Gosforth, on the 13th January. There were about 90 people present, and dancing went on until 1 a.m. Capt. Leete and his Committee are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts, and it is hoped that the dance was as much a financial success as it was a social one.

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Battalion Courses of every conceivable military subject begin at the end of this month, and there is every indication that they will be well attended.

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The strongest rumour so far is that the Battalion will carry out its annual training in Wales, at a salubrious spot, "Felly"—believed to be spelt "Phwelli." Some "prenunciatory experts" would have us believe that it is pronounced "Filly," but we don't believe them—yet! We may possibly listen to them again later on.

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We hear that Mr. Thomas, of the Depôt, is just about to leave for East Africa. We shall be very sorry, as he has now spent

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three annual trainings with this Brigade, and a good deal of the knowledge possessed by all ranks of this Unit is due to his teaching with his Training Cadre. We feel sure that the "trained troops of the thirsty tribes of the Tanganika Territory" will greatly benefit by his presence amongst them. We wish him the very best of luck.

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We congratulate Mr. Davidson on passing Part I. of Certificate "A" on the 15th January.

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We have to regretfully record the loss of the services of Capt. N. Heslop, who has moved to Blackburn for business reasons. Heslop joined the 5th Battalion on the 30th July, 1915, and since the 6th January, 1924, has commanded "A" Company. He always showed the greatest keenness at all times, and was always willing to do all in his power to increase the efficiency of the Battalion. We all regret his loss and wish him all good luck in his new surroundings.

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

We welcome to the Battalion three new subalterns, viz. 2nd-Lieut. G. L. A. France, late Cadet Sgt.-Major Leys School O.T.C.; 2nd-Lieut. A. H. M. Field, late Cadet Sergt., Hymers College O.T.C.; and 2nd-Lieut. P. Gardner, late Cadet Sergt., Shrewsbury School O.T.C. We hope they will all have successful careers with the Battalion.

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On the 10th January, 1925, various Officers attended a staff ride at Harrogate, which was on the same piece of country as the Divisional Staff Ride which some of us attended in December. There was a good turn out of Officers, and Major G. E. Wilkinson, Major W. Anderson, and Capt. and Adjt. J. T. Leese were directors of the three syndicates.

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The keenness displayed was commendable, and the answers to the problems were tackled quite satisfactorily. A new aeroplane formation for company attack was developed, contrary to all military principles, and even the illusive habitation known as "Stopes Hall" was discovered by some of the most intelligent. The facetious remarks of some of the company commanders who confused topography with local fiction were hardly in place. The outing was generally voted pleasant and instructive.

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We welcome our new Sgt.-Major, R.S.M. Capstaff, who comes to us from the 2nd Battalion, with a fine record. We feel sure that he will follow in the footsteps of his predecessors in putting his heart and soul into the Battalion work, and we can only hope that when he leaves us he will be able to hand over to his successor a Battalion up to strength.

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At the moment, courses are being held at Fenham Barracks for Officers and N.C.O.'s, and after this next month training proper for camp will begin.

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There are the usual rumours that next camp is to be at a place unpronouncable in the wilds of North Wales. Whether this is only a rumour remains to be seen, but we think that the Battalion will welcome a far-distant camp, as the camping grounds near at hand are now too familiar.

We are glad to learn that the contemplated Memorial to the fallen officers to be erected in the Mess is now in hand, and is to take the form of a stained glass window.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
22nd January, 1925.

The passing of Fusilier Thos. S. Aitchison, Headquarter Wing, Berwick, at the early age of 30, will be regretted by all ranks. He had been soldiering with the Battalion for over twelve years, and was one of the first to volunteer for active service in 1914. He then concealed an injury to his leg as the result of an accident in the mine, and stuck some six weeks of the second Battle of Ypres before he was wounded, when the R.A.M.C. discovered his former disability and he was marked for permanent home service. Joining the Officers' Mess staff of the 7th (Reserve) and 4th (Reserve) Battalions, he rendered good service in that capacity for over two years, and was thus well known to practically every Officer of the 149th Brigade.

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On reconstruction he was among the first to re-enlist, and, as batman to Major Smail, he also did service in the Mess. It was only at last annual training that Col. Wright presented him with his Efficiency Medal. A smart, clean, keen soldier, he will be much missed at next camp.

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Full military honours were accorded by "D" Company at his funeral on Sunday, 28th December. A firing party was provided under C.S.M. Payne, and there was a following party under Sgt. Weatherley. Major Smail, T.D., Capt. Mackay, and Capt. McCreath, M.C., were also in attendance. Sgt. A. Knox, M.M., Cpl. E. Weatherburn, Fusrs. A. J. Wilkie and J. Spiers, as old comrades still serving, acted as bearers, while, by kind permission of Major C. F. Kennedy, Commanding Depôt K.O.S. Borderers, the pipers and a bugler attended and the last rites were performed with befitting dignity. The attendance of ex-members of the Battalion at the funeral was fine, and a fitting tribute to Aitchison's popularity. To his widow and four children we extend our sincere sympathy.

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Congratulations to Col. H. E. Trevor, C.M.G., D.S.O., a former Brigade Major of the Northumberland Brigade, on his appointment as Officer i/c Records, York.

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Classes in Section Leading, Lewis and Machine Guns are now in full swing at all drill halls.

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Recruiting has commenced and is proceeding steadily at all stations. There was a fine response at Berwick, where twenty recruits joined up in a week.

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Cpl. J. Coulthard, Headquarter Wing, Berwick, attended a course of instruction and was attached to the D.L.I. Depôt from the 5th to 17th of this month.

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"C" Company, with commendable initiative, organised a whist drive and dance in aid of Alnwick Infirmary, on Saturday, 17th instant. This was one of a series of Winter dances held in the Drill Hall, Amble, under the auspices of the Company, and of which Sgt.-Instr. Cole is the moving spirit and organiser.

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PEARS

OPAQUE SHAVING STICK

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Mr. J. Winter thanked the large company for their presence. The prizes, all of which were given, were at the close of the whist drive presented by Mrs. Cole, as follows :—*Ladies*—Miss M. Davidson, Miss A. H. Bailes and Miss B. Burgess ; *Gentlemen* —Messrs. J. Hopper, J. Weightmen and D. H. Beauchamp, Mr. G. E. Wood having the lucky number ticket. After an excellent supper, the dance commenced, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

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We are sorry to hear that Capt. Mackay has had a breakdown in health, and will have to undergo an operation in a private nursing home in Edinburgh next week. We wish him the best of luck and a speedy enough recovery to enable him to attend annual training.

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The refreshments were in the capable hands of Mrs. Green, Mrs. Cole and Miss Bartle, and they deserve praise for the success they achieved in this department. The M.C.'s for the dance were Cpl. White and Fus. Stevens, Cpl. Murray acted as door steward, and Sgts. Tuck and Snowdon carried out the duties of cloakroom attendants.

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Sgt.-Instr. Cole, as a result of the effort, has forwarded the handsome sum of £41 4s. to the Governors of Alnwick Infirmary, and "C" Company are to be heartily congratulated on this splendid result.

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The Chatton Platoon of "C" Company scored a huge success with their first venture in a social capacity, their dance held in the Parish Hall on Friday, 23rd January, being most successful and enjoyable in every respect. Close on 200 attended, including a party from Company Headquarters and Alnwick, all of whom enjoyed themselves to the full. Much credit for this is due to Sgt. White and Lce.-Cpl. Rutherford, who as M.C.'s were capable and energetic, and as a result the dance went with a fine swing throughout. Cpl. J. L. Wilson also enacted the duties of Secretary most efficiently.

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The dance was led off by Major Smail and Miss Rutherford, who each received a present from the Detachment as an acknowledgment. To splendid music by the Band from Alnwick, under Brizlee (ex-Cpl. Wilcox, 4th Res. Northd. Fusiliers), dancing was kept up with zest till about 4 a.m., encores being numerous. A splendid supper, arranged by a ladies' committee, was served in relays in the School, and was much enjoyed.

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Among those present were Major Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O. (Adjutant), Capt. T. Appleby (O.C. "C" Company) and Mrs. Appleby, Lieut. Adlard, M.M., 2nd-Lieut. G. H. Green, the Rev. F. Long, Vicar of Chatton, R.S.M. Rowsell, M.S.M., Sgt.-Dmr. Adamson, Alnwick ; Sgt.-Instr. and Mrs. Cole, Amble ; ex-Colour Sgt. J. E. Allen and Mrs. Allen, and Mr. Bassett, Schoolhouse.

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The R.S.M., who later in the evening assumed fancy dress, was the life and soul of the party.

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The M.C.'s, Secretary and Committee were the recipients of many congratulations on the success of the dance, which was voted to be the best held in the village for very many years.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
31st January, 1925.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years :—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1913, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, and 1921.

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Surrounded by new calendars, the 'Xmas decorations having vanished after a brief spell of riotously decorative splendour, it dawns upon us that with the January number we are entering upon a new volume of the *St. George's Gazette*. We consider, therefore, that the moment has arrived in which a few well chosen words should flow from our Editorial pen.

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The first of these is decidedly self-congratulatory, and deals with the restoration of the old Magazine to its pre-war size of 24 pages, to which gigantic dimensions it has now obtained, and at which we hope it will be maintained in the future. This is due to our satisfactory financial position, and to the literary support that we have received from our various unit correspondents. To these, and to our subscribers generally, we tender our sincerest thanks for their loyalty.

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Next we would call the attention of our readers to another important source of our financial prosperity, namely our advertisers. In some forms of journalism advertisements are the main source of revenue. In our case, where all service barring printing is voluntarily and freely given, we can be independent of advertisements. We do not, however, think such exclusiveness is warranted, so we have been at some pains to increase the number of our advertisers. It is now up to our readers to give their support to the firms whose advertisements appear in our pages, and we appeal to them, when they contemplate investing in anything from a boot to a bank to refer to the *St. George's Gazette*, and get the goods from a firm whose advertisement appears therein.

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Finally, we offer to all the literary and pictorial artists whose work has adorned these pages, and to the patient P.R.I.'s who have devoted their energy to whipping-up subscribers, for their labours during the past year, our most grateful thanks.

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Extract from *Richmond and Twickenham Times* of Saturday 17th January, 1925 :—

> At the Richmond police station on Wednesday afternoon (16/1/25), Acting Sub-divisional Inspector Bicknell presented ex-Police-sergeant W. Gosling with a gold watch and chain on behalf of his former confreres, who, as did the public generally, held him in the highest esteem. Sub-divisional Inspector Bicknell alluded to the "lot" of a policeman, and highly eulogised the services of Mr. Gosling, who spoke briefly and appropriately in acknowledgment. Before joining the police force, in which he served for twenty-five years, Mr. Gosling was in the Army, having altogether thirty-two years' service. He was in Richmond for about eleven years.

Many old Fusiliers will remember Mr. Gosling in the FIFTH. He is a regular attendant at the meetings of the Old Comrades' Association (London Area).

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The 2nd Annual Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society Ball will be held in the Old Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Friday, 24th April, 1925.

Major-General Sir Percival and Lady Wilkinson have consented to receive the guests.

Tickets, price 30s., can be obtained from Capt. C. G. Arkwright, Depôt, Fifth Fusiliers, Fenham Barracks.

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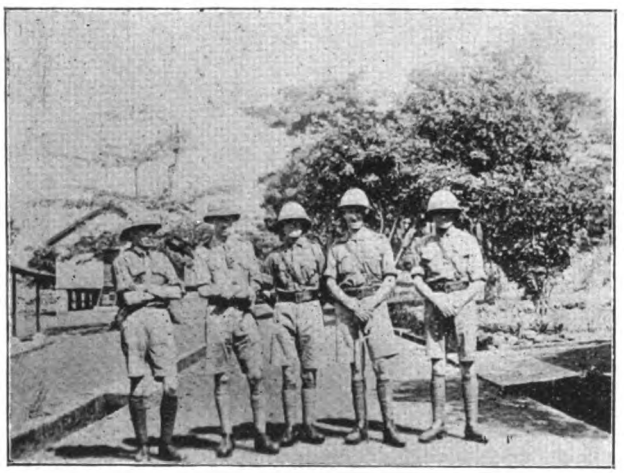
The photograph accompanying this note is one more proof of the influence of comradeship which the mantle of our Patron Saint sheds upon all good 5th Fusiliers, wheresoever the fates may have called them, upon St. George's Day. Whether it be



ST. GEORGE'S DAY AT SIERRA LEONE, 1924.
SGT. GRUNDY. CAPT. PEASE. LIEUT. ALEXANDER. C.S.M. TAYLOR.

in Sierra Leone, Timbuctoo or at the North Pole, if two or three 5th Fusiliers be within measurable distance of one another, they will, assuredly, upon St. George's Day be found gathered together.

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Subscriptions due in February, 1925 :—

Major R. M. Booth, D.S.O.	Capt. G. E. B. Plummer
Sgt.-Maj. McKim	Mrs. Williams

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Mrs. A. Armstrong (2nd Batt.)	Mrs. J. Stephenson (2nd Batt.)
Pte. L. H. Ferrett	The Editor "Memories"
Major-Gen. F. L. Festing, C.M.G.	Mrs. A. Miles (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. Holland (2nd Batt.)	Major-Gen. F. D. Pilcher, C.B.
Mrs. McCulloch (2nd Batt.)	Lt.-Col. H. W. Warwick

Letter to the Editor.

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION
(LONDON AREA).

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

SIR,

Would you kindly allow me, through your columns, to remind those officers who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1925 that these fell due on the 1st January?

I should be thankful if, in doing so, they would adopt the suggestion made by Major-General Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., in his circular letter last year, and send *to me*, as Hon. Treasurer, a Bankers' Order for the amount they desire to subscribe. If required I can send a form of Bankers' Order for the purpose on application.

So far some 20 officers are subscribing amounts from 10s. to £2 in this manner; but more than 30, who are still on the books, have not yet paid their subscriptions. The minimum subscription is only 4s. a year, so as to allow all to join, but we aim at *an average* of £1 an officer, which would enable us to carry on, free from debt, as we have hitherto done.

I have acknowledged receipt of all orders sent to me to date, and those sent direct to the Banker (Lloyds Bank, 6, Pall Mall, S.W. 1) up to the 31st December last; and will acknowledge those I find in the Pass-book paid in since when I next see it. But to enable my books to be kept up to date, it is clearly best to send the Bankers' Orders to me to note and forward to the paying Bank.

Yours truly,
D. SAPTE, *Colonel*,
Hon. Treasurer O.C.A.

19th January, 1925.
6, Richmond Bridge Mansions, Twickenham.

"HOMEWARD BOUND."

SS. *Neuralia.*

I cannot commence these notes without referring to the "send off" we had when leaving the Battalion. It was considered by all to be the best send-off any draft has had since the Battalion came on foreign service. Perhaps the hour of departure was a convenient one for all, but nevertheless if that was in our favour it was greatly appreciated. One of the party went as far as to say that it was the best send-off he had seen in the Regiment, and his service extended over twenty-one years. We left Fyzabad about 1.45 p.m., travelling rather slowly through Allahabad and Jubbulpore to Itarsi, which we reached at 5 a.m. on Thursday. Our first stop was at Allahabad, which we reached at 8.30 o'clock on Tuesday night and remained there until 8.20 a.m. on Wednesday, when we departed for Jubbulpore, accompanied by a party of the Cheshire Regiment, also homeward bound.

After a couple of stops for meals we arrived at Jubbulpore at 7.30 p.m., and left again at 8.30 p.m., finally arriving at Itarsi at 5 a.m. on Thursday, after a none too pleasant journey. Here we had expected to join a Troop Special as soon as we arrived, but found we had to wait eight hours before it put in an appearance. Eventually we left Itarsi, about 1.45 p.m. The Troop Special had been travelling fairly well, having left Rawal Pindi the same day as we left Fyzabad. However, we were all pleased to detrain at Deolali about 6 a.m. on Friday. After rushing about here and there for kit bags and boxes, and finally getting them stacked ready for conveyance, we marched off in parties for the Overseas Rest Camp. Breakfast was ready on our arrival, although none of us seemed keen to look for the dining hall until we had located our kit bags and boxes, which were being unloaded from the lorries. We had plenty of room in the tents, although we wandered about for some time before they were alloted to us.

The remainder of Friday and Saturday we spent cleaning ourselves up. Troops were arriving at all hours of the day, and the bath-house and wash-house and "happys" shop were always well filled. Quite a lot found their way to the money exchange office during the afternoon, but I think the majority of the FIFTH were waiting for Pay Day.

The routine at Deolali appeared to me to be a bit "Irish." First of all the heavy baggage is stacked and then put into

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trucks at Deolali Station, ready to leave at right time. After the kits have gone, there is a parade, when we are told whether we are to leave Deolali or not. When the R.S.M. shouted "Markers" for this parade, there were twenty-eight of them, but as the Regiments were called out they formed up into drafts, of which there were about seven. The FIFTH formed part of "C" Draft, along with the Cheshires, Worcesters, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, 4th Hussars, R.F.A., and R.A.S.C., with a Major and Subaltern in charge.

The day we paraded some men who should have sailed by the previous boat were still omitted from the roll, but they eventually left with us. These men had had to go to the station on the first occasion and bring their kits back again. Along with a Church Parade, this all took place on the "day of rest." On Monday morning, at 11 o'clock there was a Medical Inspection. If anyone had been marked "unfit" I am afraid he would have had to go to Bombay for his kit bags, as they leave Deolali the night before the inspection takes place. At 2 p.m. we stacked our small kits and then made tracks for the Pay Office. We were to depart from camp for Bombay at 9 p.m., and at 7 p.m. there was still no definite order regarding the blankets. The majority of us handed them in, but found out later that we had to withdraw them again and take them with us. This affair did not suit the "Canteen Wallers," happening as it did within canteen hours. Nevertheless when we paraded to move off they didn't seem any worse off for the half-hour they had missed. It was really marvellous how some of them arrived at the station. However, it was 11.30 p.m. before the train moved off for Bombay.

We had not been travelling long before everyone was asleep and when we rose on Tuesday morning we were within sight of Bombay. The train pulled up opposite the boat, and we detrained at 7.15 a.m. After having breakfast on the dockside we were surprised to hear of another Medical Inspection, because only 18 hours had elapsed since the last one, and we had been in the train half that time. We merely got a ticket which had printed on it "Fit to embark," and which we were to hand in at the top of the gangway when we went aboard. These tickets were never handed in, as no one appeared to collect them. The embarkation was not a very long job, as all the heavy baggage had been loaded the day before. We set sail from Bombay at 2.45 p.m., and as soon as we were clear of the harbour we commenced our boat drill. This was merely to show us where to fall-in if the alarm went. The first time lifebelts were used it took us over three-quarters of an hour to find them, but before we reached the English Channel I think we were breaking records at getting to our posts. As I have already mentioned, we still had our blankets with us, and they proved useful the first night, because no hammocks were issued. After having a good look round the boat and finding out where we were allowed and where we were not allowed, the opinion of all was that we hadn't enough room. There would be over a thousand troops on board at this time.

On Saturday afternoon we sighted the Arabian Coast, and reached Aden at 9 o'clock on Sunday night. On Monday morning the Royal Scots' advance party disembarked, and in their place we took on a draft from the Border Regt. and the 14th Pack Battery, R.F.A. During the breakfast hour we were treated to a few "stunts" by two airmen. At 1.30 p.m. we left Aden and were paid out at 2 p.m. The following day we passed a few British Naval craft about tea-time. On Thursday, the 30th, a concert was arranged by the old Fyzabad Chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Carter, and took place at 8.15 p.m. on the promenade, deck. It was impossible for even a quarter of us to hear the concert, but those who were lucky enough to get a front seat said it was good. We reached Suez at 4 p.m., and after getting the searchlight in order we started for the Suez Canal at 6.30 p.m., reaching Port Said at 8.30 a.m. On entering the harbour we passed the *Glengorm Castle*, with troops aboard from Mesopotamia. All ranks above that of Corporal were allowed ashore during "coaling," and I noticed some who even went ashore to play cricket. I should have been pleased to have been a spectator.

The *Glengorm Castle* left at 5 p.m., and the *Neuralia* at 6 p.m. We were all pleased to be on the go again, and this was expected to be our last stop before reaching England. At 11 a.m. on Sunday we passed the *Glengorm Castle*. We didn't seem to be going as fast as we would have liked, although we passed over a score of boats and were never passed by any that we could see. At about midnight on Monday we ran into a storm, but when we arose on Tuesday all was calm again. Up to the present the weather has been very good.

On 4th November we passed Malta, about 5.30 p.m. An attempt was made to hold a Boxing Competition, but as only six entries could be obtained it proved a failure. In its place sports were held, which commenced with an Obstacle Race, on the afternoon of the 5th. The Regiment had several representatives in this, but failed to obtain any prizes. The following afternoon we were to have had Pillow Fighting, when the losers would have had to fall into a cold-water bath. The weather, however, proved all against this, therefore Cock-fighting took its place. Shortly after dinner we passed Algiers, and were able to get a good view, being quite close to the coast.

On the 7th November Tug-of-War occupied our time during the afternoon, and with this our sports were concluded. It will be seen that the sports were not a very elaborate affair, but it was as much as the Sports Committee could manage to arrange from the entries received. At 9 p.m. we made an unexpected call at Gibraltar. We had on board a child seriously ill, and it was thought wise to put it ashore here. This occupied the best part of an hour, and we set off again about 10 p.m. With the approach of morning we were all prepared for a rough time. Rumours were going around that we were in the Bay of Biscay, whereas we didn't approach Cape Finisterre until 6.30 p.m. on the 9th November. We found the sea a bit rough shortly before we reached the Bay, and it continued the same until we reached Brest. I think the majority of us remained good sailors, as the tables were always full at meal times.

On 11th November we were well in the English Channel, and sighted Blighty about 10 a.m. The boat possessed 3 Buglers, so we were to be well off for the celebration of Armistice Day. Out of 1,500 troops on board we must have had at least 200 Bandsmen, and Drummers amongst them. Three Drummers were detailed to practice the "Last Post" in the hammock room the day previous, but only one turned up. One had his false teeth in his "civvy box," and for some reason the other failed to put in an appearance. Therefore on Armistice Day it remained for one of the FIFTH to do his best. This he intended to make his last appearance as a Bugler in the Army, and, although he had the chance to sound a call or two afterwards, he remained true to his intentions. Having to sound the "Last Post" and the "Reveille" on the "bridge," it was possible to obtain a good view of the coast of England. We finally berthed in Southampton at 8 a.m. on the 12th, and disembarked at 10.30 a.m. An hour in the coffee stall on the dock side, and we were away by train at 11.30 a.m.

A few days before arrival at Southampton we received our last pay on boat, which included 10s. for travelling allowances in

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England. The majority had spent this 10s. prior to disembarkation.

We arrived in Newcastle a little before midnight on the 12th. After having a good supper, we slept in the Gymnasium, where beds had been provided for us. We were all pleased when we were fitted up in "civvies" and went for pay. No one was allowed any pay unless he had his civilian clothes on. We were obliged to leave the Depôt minus a hat, collar and tie, unless we cared to buy them when we received pay. Quite a lot left the Depôt just before tea minus hat, collar and tie. Getting into a car at the Barracks, we kept out of sight until we reached the station, where we took the waiting room by storm, until we once more became respectably dressed, to continue our journeys to our homes, some having to travel to London, and further South to Folkestone.

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION (LONDON AREA).

The second annual General Meeting was held at Headquarters, Veterans Club, Hand Court, Holborn, W.C., on Friday, 9th January, 1925.

There were about 60 members present, including Brigadier-General G. L. H. Armstrong and Colonel D. Sapte, hon. treasurer.

The chair was occupied by Mr. E. J. Halliday, Chairman of the Committee, in the enforced absence of our President, Lt.-Col. C. P. Hawkes, from whom a telegram was received expressing regret at his inability to be present.

Lt.-Col. C. P. Hawkes was re-elected President. Col. D. Sapte was re-elected Treasurer.

Col. D. Sapte spoke a few words, stating that with pleasure he accepted the Treasurership of the Association for the current year, and that he would do his utmost to further its progress.

Next it was decided to elect a Vice-President, inasmuch as the Association has grown to warrant this step. Subsequently Mr. W. Lees was elected to this office, as an appreciation of the splendid work he has performed as one of the Committee in the administration of the Association.

COMMITTEES (elected by votes).

General Committee.—Capt. J. T. Rowland (chairman), Mr. J. Arnold, Mr. J. G. Chilton, Mr. P. Maydon, Mr. W. Wright, Mr. G. Redhead (*ex-officio*), Mrs. M. Broad.

Employment Committee.—Mr. G. J. Halliday (chairman and secretary), Mr. J. Jeffs, Mr. J. Arnold.

Entertainment Committee.—Mr. J. G. Chilton (chairman and secretary), Mr. N. H. Leonard, Mr. W. Wright, Mr. B. H. Martin, Mr. C. Dances.

Mr. H. I. Morgan was unanimously re-elected Secretary. He thanked the members present for their appreciation, and said that he would endeavour to do his best for the progress of the Association. He announced that the membership had considerably increased during the past year, the present numbers being :—Officers, 53 ; Other Ranks, 150 ; Lady Members, 34.

Our two latest joined members are :—Mr. J. Jeffs, late Sgt.-Major, 1st Battalion, well known to many of us ; Mr. W. Comerford, a gallant old Fusilier, who joined the Regiment in 1859, and though vastly over-age wangled his way out to France and was storeman for a long time with the 1st Battalion in the Salient. Such is the spirit of the men of the FIFTH. We welcome him amongst us most cordially, together with Mrs. Comerford, who has joined the ranks of our lady members.

Capt. J. T. Rowland proposed a vote of thanks for the splendid work of the Chairman of Committee, Mr. E. G. Halliday ; the Secretary, Mr. H. I. Morgan ; and Committee during the past year.

It was reported by the Entertainment Secretary, Mr. A. E. Bosten, that owing to the regrettably poor attendance of members at the dances, it has been decided to discontinue these after completion of the programme arranged and to substitute concerts, whist drives, etc., in the next programme.

The necessary arrangements for celebrating St. George's Day are already being pushed forward. At present it is proposed to carry out the visit to the Cenotaph on Sunday, the 19th April, 1925, and to celebrate St. George's Day at Headquarters, the Veterans Club, Hand Court, Holborn, W.C., where it is proposed to hold a Social Dance.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. W. Stone, Secretary of the Veterans Club, for the kindness and consideration he has always shown to the O.C.A. by arranging for the necessary accommodation for any function we are desirous of holding at the Club.

We trust that Officers Commanding 1st and 2nd Battalions, and Depôt will note that we have an O.C.A. in London, open to all, and men who are being discharged or transferred to the Army Reserve will be welcomed amongst us. So far only 3 new members have been obtained from this source.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1924.

INCOME.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Donations and Subscriptions—		
Officers	39 6 0	
Other Ranks	13 15 0	
Lady Members	2 14 0	
		55 15 0
Donation from Colonel Landen, for wreath—Pte. Garrity (*contra*)		0 10 6
Value of St. George's Day Roses unsold		1 8 8
		£57 14 2

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
St. George's Day Concert	7 14 0½	
Wines to 1st and 2nd Battalion, Depôt	0 16 8	
Janitor	0 3 6	
		8 14 2½
Wreath for Cenotaph		1 5 0
Dinner Fund, Armistice night		6 10 0
Concert after General Meeting		0 16 6
Committee Badges		0 16 0
Tobacco, etc., to Royal Veterinary Hospital		0 8 3
Presentation to Mr. Edwardes		1 10 0
Wreath Pte. Garrity, R.V. Hospital		0 10 6
St. George's Gazette		0 17 6
Postages, Telegrams, Printing, etc.		14 16 0
		36 3 11½
Balance—Excess Income over Expenditure for year		21 10 2½
		£57 14 2

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1924.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Capital Account—		
Balance at 31st December, 1923	21 11 11½	
add Excess Income over Expenditure for year to 31st December, 1924	21 10 2½	
		43 2 2
		£43 2 2
Cash at Bank	32 3 6	
Cash in hand	5 0 6	
		37 4 0
Loan A/c.—Dance Fund—Balance 1st January, 1924	0 12 0	
add further amounts during year	3 19 6	
	4 11 6	
less amounts repaid	2 2 0	
		2 9 6
Stock of Regimental Badges, 1st January, 1924	3 0 0	
less sold during year	1 0 0	
		2 0 0
Value of St. George's Day Roses unsold		1 8 8
		£43 2 2

(Signed) H. I. MORGAN, *Secretary*, London, 5/1/25.

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"Quo fata vocant."

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DEATH.

WADLING.—On the 13th February, at Quarry Wood, Hastings, Lieut.-Col. John Cottingham Wadling, late 5th Fusiliers, aged 90.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

EXTRACT from *Court Circular*, 12th February, 1925 :—

The King conferred the King's Police Medal on Capt. Mowbray Sant (late 5th Fus.), Chief Constable, Surrey Constabulary. Chief Constable of Surrey since 1899, he has rendered exemplary service, distinguished by special merit and ability.

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

The following 2nd-Lieutenants to be Lieutenants (dated 1st February) :—G. H. Bolster, T. E. Bland.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

North'd. Fus.—Lieut. H. S. Maughan, late 3rd Batt., Special Reserve, to be 2nd-Lieut. (dated 4th February), and relinquishes the rank of Lieut.

SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

North'd. Fus.—2nd-Lieut. E. Willoughby, late Service Batts., to be 2nd-Lieut. (dated 28th February).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. J. M. Todd, D.F.C., to be Lieut. (dated 10th January).
5th Batt.—Lieut. T. A. Johnson to be Capt. (dated 10th January).
The following to be 2nd-Lieuts. :—
4th Batt.—A. S. Todd (dated 12th January).
7th Batt.—V. W. Brown (late Cadet Lce.-Cpl., Barnard Castle School Contingent, Junior Division, O.T.C.) (dated 4th February).

Obituary.

BRIGADE-SURGEON F. COLLINS.

The oldest member of the 5th Foot, Brigade Surgeon F. Collins, passed away on 3rd February, at Lyme Regis, in his 93rd year. He was gazetted to the Regiment as Assistant Surgeon, on 11th May, 1855, nearly 70 years ago—in those far-off days when the R.A.M.C. was not, and each Unit had its medical staff as part of Headquarters' personnel. He served with the Regiment during the Mutiny, and was present at the Relief of Lucknow, including the actions of Dilkusha, la Martiniere and Secundar Bagh. He was also with General Outram's division during the occupation of the Alum Bagh, and

THE LATE BRIGADE-SURGEON F. COLLINS.

was present at the final capture of Lucknow, under Sir Colin Campbell.

Until the weight of years prevented him from getting about, his was always a familiar figure at all and sundry Regimental "occasions." During recent years, though unable to be present in person, his mind was constantly with his old Regiment, and he took the keenest interest in all its doings. He was a constant reader of the *St. George's Gazette*, and on his 90th birthday he sent us a a copy of his photograph (which we reproduce) and a kindly letter expressing his appreciation of the *Gazette*. and saying what pleasure he got from reading it.

He was well known by those interested in archaeology —particularly in Yorkshire—and he contributed several volumes of literature on this subject.

During the Mutiny he kept a diary, and some years ago he presented to the Officers' Mess of the 1st Batt. a typescript copy of extracts therefrom, which he typed himself —a gift which showed his love of the old Regiment, to

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few, if any, of whom was he known personally. Still, many of us knew of him, almost as a tradition, and certainly as a fine example of the tenacity with which the old-fashioned *esprit de corps* clings to a man through so many years of life. To have achieved 92 years of age, as he did, in full enjoyment of mental and bodily health, which lasted almost to the end of his time, was a great feat. There is nothing surer in this life than Death; but when his coming, however long delayed, means the passing of so fine a type as was Bde.-Sgn. Collins, we cannot but deplore the inevitable. To his children and grandchildren we tender our sympathy in their loss.

LIEUT.-COL. JOHN COTTINGHAM WADLING.

Lieut.-Col. John Cottingham Wadling died on the 13th February. Born 27th July, 1834; Ensign 1st January, 1858; he was one of the original Officers of the 2nd Batt. Fifth Fusiliers raised by Col. Kirkland at Newcastle-on-Tyne, went with them to Aldershot, and was possibly the last of those who sailed in the *Great Tasmania*, 22nd August, 1858, from Portsmouth, not reaching Port Louis, Mauritius, till 10th November, we at home only hearing of its arrival five months after we had parted from them, a state of things very difficult for the present officers to realise. He owned a sailing boat and a pirogue, or dug-out; sailing, boating and fishing were his principal amusements, in spite of the dangerous cord reefs, and witnessed the great hurricane, when the pressure was 40 lbs. to the square foot; went with the Regiment to Natal, then on to British Raffraria, when amusements were changed to shooting beasts and birds, both for trophies and the table. He became a Captain, 18th February, 1866. The *Golden Fleece* took the Regiment to Cork, arriving 4th July, 1866, then to Dover, where it was quartered.

Quartered successively at Dover, Aldershot, Scotland, Ireland, Jersey; gazetted Major, 27th November, 1873, and retired as a Lieut.-Colonel 18th January, 1879.

He married, 7th November, 1871, Mrs. A. C. Thomson, *née* White, who predeceased him, had one son and three daughters. His son in the Royal Berkshire Regt. died of enteric in the Boer War; one daughter died of pneumonia, caught on duty in the R.A.S.C. in the late war, and another daughter served throughout the late war in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., awarded A.R.R.C. and medals. (See *St. George's Gazette*, vol. xl., p. 78.)

Colonel Wadling died at Quarry Wood, Ore, Sussex, a property he purchased some years ago, and where he passed a cheery old age in gardening and carpentering, at which he was an expert. He died at 90 years of age, and was laid to rest on the 18th February, close to his old friend and comrade, Major General Harkness; they were often together in the many quarters mentioned above, sharing in the daily life of the Regiment they both loved so well.

Mrs. Shipley, widow of the late C.Q.M.S. Shipley, M.M., wishes to thank the Officers, W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and Men, also the Married Families of the 2nd Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, Fyzabad, India, for their kindness, generosity, and expressions of sympathy shown towards her in her sad and sudden bereavement, also those who sent letters of condolence, and regrets being unable at the time to acknowledge same.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

COLOGNE,
23rd February, 1925.

Speculation is rife at the present moment as to where our home station is going to be next trooping season, or sooner?

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The time-honoured rumour of Colchester is again to the fore, but so far nothing more definite is allowed to be known. Those who read Army Orders will doubtless be wiser before our next edition. In the meantime it gives everyone (married or single) something to talk about, quite unconnected with any scandal. This is unusual.

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Lt.-Col. Hardman Jones went to England on 15th February to pay a visit to the Depôt, and also, we are sorry to say, to take Mrs. Hardman Jones home to see the doctors. An operation was the result of the visit, which we are glad to say was completely successful. We wish her a speedy recovery.

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The Rhine Army Officers' Club has now been permanently closed down. Its hospitable doors closed for ever on 14th February. It is rumoured that this had to be because the Germans demanded such an exorbitant rent for the premises. As this sum would have had to have been charged against "The Reparation (? ? ?) Bill," originated by one called Dawes, there was no other alternative. In the meantime we hope Mr. Dawes is enjoying his own Club.

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However, to turn to more pleasant topics. The Band is becoming more and more up-to-date under the same capable leadership, and has embarked on a "jazzy" band (specially selected musicians only). Strange noises may be heard emanating from the Sergeants' Mess on most afternoons, where it has been apparently decided to hold the necessary practices. All this is very refreshing for those who while away the weary hours of 2—3 p.m., doing "intensive training" behind the gymnasium. Several engagements have already been announced and confirmed!!

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Col. A. H. W. Grubb, C.M.G., D.S.O., has most kindly and generously presented the Mess with an engraving of Ferdinand, Duke of Brunswick and Luxembourg. The engraver is Kohl Clemens, from a painting by Ziesener Johann Georg. We all very much appreciate his gift. The historical interest and value of this picture, from a regimental point of view, is too well known to need further recapitulation here.

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The annual cross country run took place on 17th February. The event was won by "X" Coy. Lce.-Cpl. Ashton, "Z" Coy., was the first man home.

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The Inter-Regimental cross country run takes place on 3rd March. On form, we should do quite well in this.

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Mr. Butterfield and Mr. Macmullen have returned from leave. Major Critchley Salmonson is still away from us. It is rumoured he was too busy to return when we expected him. He has sent one Officer a picture postcard from Athens, showing the reason why!! We regret nothing more definite is known of

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his movements. Perhaps something may come to light in time for our next notes.

HART BOXING SHIELD—Friday, 6th February, 1925.

Welter-weight Competition.

First Fight.—Cpl. Millburne *v.* Fus. Sinclair. This fight was soon over, Cpl. Millburne proving too good for his man, who was k.o. in 50 seconds.

Second Fight.—Lce.-Cpl. Crudington *v.* Fus. Wright. A whirlwind opening in which Lce.-Cpl. Crudington proved the stronger. Fus. Wright tired towards the end of the round. In round 2 both were very cautious and were warned by the referee to "fight." In round 3 Lce.-Cpl. Crudington went for his man, eventually winning on points.

Third Fight.—Cpl. Hackett *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Roper. This was a good fight. In the opening round both were cautious, but opened out later. The exchanges were pretty even up to the last round, when Lce.-Cpl. Roper scored more frequently and won on points.

Fourth Fight.—Fus. Simpson *v.* Fus. Welch. Both were out to decide the fight in the quickest time, and some hard knocks were given on both sides. In round 2 Welch was on the defensive. Simpson got in a heavy blow to the stomach, and Welch went down, time saving him. The 3rd round was Simpson's, who ran out an easy winner.

Light Weights.

Fifth Fight.—Fus. Etheridge *v.* Fus. Collogham. Etheridge rushed in and endeavoured to finish the fight with a swinging right, which failed to reach. Fus. Collogham, boxing cooly, kept him off and scored continuously with his left. The 2nd and 3rd rounds were similar, Collogham winning on points.

Sixth Fight.—Fus. Vinton *v.* Fus. Walsh. Vinton proved too clever for Walsh, who received a lot of punishment. The 2nd round was a replica of the 1st; finally Walsh k.o. with a heavy punch to the stomach.

Feather-weights.

Seventh Fight.—Fus. Butler *v.* Fus. Farthing. Fus. Butler proved an easy fight to Farthing, who k.o. his man in the 1st round.

Welters.

Eighth Fight.—Fus. King *v.* Fus. Lench. This was a good fight, both trying for the k.o. The 2nd round went to Lench, who used his left with some judgment. In the 3rd round Lench went after his man continually, scoring with his left, which enabled him to run out a winner on points.

Ninth Fight.—Fus. Hick *v.* Fus. Colley. Fus. Hick scratched.

Welter-weight Semi-Final.

Tenth Fight.—Lce.-Cpl. Crudington *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Roper. A very good fight, in which Lce.-Cpl. Crudington took a lot of punishment. He managed to last the three rounds, but was in a very bad state when the gong sounded. Lce.-Cpl. Crudington put up a very plucky fight.

Middle-weights.

Eleventh Fight.—Fus. Stockton *v.* Fus. Peacock. Fus. Stockton, who recently arrived from the Depôt, where he won the Recruits' Championship, proved too strong for Peacock, who received the k.o. in the 1st round.

Light-weights.

Twelfth Fight.—Fus. Muir *v.* Fus. Vinton. Fus. Muir was no match for Vinton, who k.o. his man in the 1st round.

Bantam-weight Final.

Thirteenth Fight.—Fus. Wright *v.* Fus. Thompson. A ding-dong struggle from start to finish. In the 2nd round Wright was k.o., although it appeared more from exhaustion than from the blow received.

Light Heavy-weight Final.

Fourteenth Fight.—Cpl. Purcell *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart. Opened very quiet, but brightened up towards the end of the round. In the 2nd round Stobbart continuously got in with a swinging right, and it looked as if he would win. In the 3rd round Purcell remembered he had a left which he used to great advantage, winning a good fight on points.

Feather-weights Final.

Fifteenth Fight.—Lce.-Cpl. Flint *v.* Fus. Farthing. Not a very interesting fight, too much open glove work—this continued during the fight, which was eventually awarded to Flint.

Welter-weights Final.

Sixteenth Fight.—Lce.-Cpl. Roper *v.* Colley. Roper too good for Colley, and won on points.

BOXING NOTES.

The Rhine Army Individual Championships took place on 19th and 20th February. There were eight entries from the Battalion.

Fus. Stockton (middle-weight) lost to Cpl. Storer, K.D.G., in the first series. During the first two rounds the boxing was good, and there was little to choose. But in the 3rd round Storer, having the longer reach, won on points.

Lce.-Cpl. Naylor (middle-weight) beat Pte. Stuart, K.S.L.I. in the second series, with a knock-out in the 1st round. He lost to Lce.-Sgt. Livesly, Manchester Regiment, in the semi-final. Naylor fought hard in the 1st round against a bigger man, and went down three times. After a good stand Naylor lost on points in the 2nd round.

Lce.-Cpl. Roper (welter-weight) hurt his hand in winning his first fight. He then wisely decided to retire rather than risk being unable to enter for the two team competitions in the near future.

Cpl. Hackett (welter-weight) beat Pte. Driver, West Yorkshire Regiment, in the third series, after a close fight. In the semi-final he was beaten by Cpl. Biggs, York and Lancaster Regiment, in the 1st round.

Fus. Vinton (light-weight) met Pte. Smith, R.A.M.C., in the second series, and the fight was stopped in Vinton's favour in the 1st round. In the third series he met Sgt. Scott, Manchester Regiment. The 1st round was fast, Scott, with a longer reach, having the best of it. The fight was stopped in Scott's favour in the 2nd round, Vinton having stood much punishment.

Lce.-Cpl. Flint (feather-weight) was beaten in the second series by Pte. Harris, K.S.L.I. The 1st round was fast, but Harris sent Flint down twice. In the 2nd round Flint went down again just before the end, and the fight was given to Harris. Flint was awarded his third good looser's prize this season, which he thoroughly deserved.

Fus. Collogham (feather-weight) lost to Lce.-Cpl. Bell, Manchester Regiment, in the 1st round.

Fus. Thompson (bantam-weight) met Pte. Henderson, R.A.M.C., in the first series. In a fierce 1st round Thompson sprained his thumb and had to retire.

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Though there were no winners all the competitors fought well, and it is hoped that many will get down to lower weights before the Open Team Competition.

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FOOTBALL NOTES.

The Regiment still remains top of the League in the Rhine Army, but now we are struggling to keep our place—no longer so strong a position as before the break for leave. Neither are we any longer unbeaten, the K.S.L.I.'s having beaten us 5—2 in a really fine game at Riehl. The K.S.L.I. were undoubtedly the better side, but it was only in the last few minutes of the game that they put on three goals. We have also been unlucky in the matter of injuries. Wigham was unfit for the first few matches of the second half; Kellett broke his wrist in a Company game, and has only just returned to the side; and Smart has been unable to play for the last few matches. Frequent changes in the composition of the side, owing to injuries, has had the effect of upsetting the combination of the forwards, who up to January were the best forward line on the Rhine. Now that they are the same as at the beginning of the season, we must hope to see a return to the old form and end up the season as well as we began it.

Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	For.	Against.
21	19	1	1	97	23

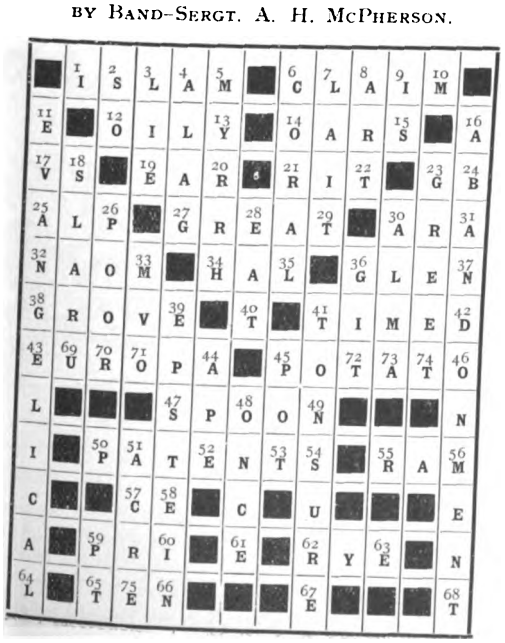
HOCKEY NOTES.

Since our last notes we have only played three games—one against the Royal Corps of Signals, in the third round of the Knock-out Cup, which we lost 5—2. Our opponents apparently took the term "Knock-out Competition" literally, five members of our side being injured more or less seriously, whilst the rest of the side suffered in a lesser degree. We beat the Royal Engineers in the League, and drew 4—4 with the West Yorkshire Regiment, after leading 4—0 at half-time. We are now third in the League, the K.D.G.'s coming above us on goal average.

The Company League has just started, but as only one game has been played, we must leave the results over for next month.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

CORRECT SOLUTION TO "A BATTALION CROSS WORD" BY BAND-SERGT. A. H. MCPHERSON.



We extend to Band-Sgt. McPherson (Mac.) our heartiest congratulations on having passed his examination for entrance to Kneller Hall as a candidate for promotion to W.O. Class 1 (Bandmaster).

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We wish him the very best of luck on his departure. He will be a very great loss to the Mess, as he was a particular favourite. He gained much popularity both as an entertainer of the first order and as the Mess contributor to the *St. George's Gazette*.

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His notes have been the source of much amusement on many occasions, and his activities in both spheres will be very greatly missed.

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One wonders if "The Little Egg Sergeant" will be more easy in his mind.

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On Sunday, 25th January, four of our members—to wit, C.S.M. Watson, Col.-Sgt. (O.R.S.) Gale, C.Q.M.S.'s Wisdom and Ludford—were presented with the Long Service and Good Conduct Medals.

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Three Cheers!! May they enjoy many more years of undetected . . ? ? ! ! x. (What's that!)

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The Rhine Army Knock-out Billiard Competition, mentioned in our last issue, was a perfect example of hard luck on our part.

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Our team, composed of C.S.M. Watson, R.Q.M.S. Ambury, C.S.M. Clarke and Sgt. Fletcher, fought their way very successfully to the Final, and were then beaten by a short head. (Or should it be "Cue.")

1st Match. Fifth Fusiliers *v.* K.S.L.I.

This was an easy match, the Fusiliers winning by 132 points.

2nd Match. Fusiliers *v.* Royal Corps of Signals.

Not such a big margin this time. Fusiliers won by 73 points. In this match C.S.M. Clarke and Sgt. Fletcher indulged in some very clever play.

3rd Match. Fifth Fusiliers *v.* Royal Engineers.

Fusiliers won by 56 points. At this game there was a very large audience, much excitement and much wagering. The Royal Engineers are players of great renown, and were the fancied winners. On the general run of play the Fusiliers never looked like losing, and although on this occasion C.S.M. Clarke lost to his opponent, the game went to the FIFTH.

4th Match. Fifth Fusiliers *v.* Manchester Regiment.

This game was again an easy one for the FIFTH. C.S.M. Watson started the ball rolling with an excellent lead off, finally beating his opponent by 50 points.

Sergt. Fletcher also had an easy task beating his man by 49 points.

C.S.M. Clarke was opposed to a man of much greatness and cunning with the cue, and unfortunately lost his game.

Final. Fifth Fusiliers *v.* G.H.Q.

The interest in this match was exceptionally keen, as it was the best match of the competition. (R.Q.M.S. Ambury, 197; Sergt. Morris, 200.) At one time the R.Q.M.S. had the lead on the aggregate, but his opponent had several easy shots in each pocket (known to the initiated as "jam"), thereby winning the game.

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Highest break throughout the competition—C.S.M. Watson, 34.

This concluded a very excellent competition, more of which could be done with.

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On the 13th a successful Whist Drive and Dance was held in the Barracks. Whist commenced at eight o'clock, and all went exceeding well under the able direction of Band-Sergt. McPherson who carried out the duties of M.C.

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Thanks are due to Mrs. Pullan, who distributed the prizes, which were won as follows :—

Ladies.—1st, Mrs. Gale ; 2nd, Mrs. Carlin. (These ladies each had a score of 143, and had to cut for first and second prizes.) Booby, Mrs. Watson.

Gentlemen.—1st, R.Q.M.S. Ambury ; 2nd, Sgt. Baker ; booby, Q.M.S. Glover (Prison Staff).

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Dancing commenced at ten o'clock, and went on till 1 a.m.

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We had a delightful little orchestra, under the able direction of Sgt. Locke.

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The duties of M.C. were carried out by Sgt. Greaves.

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The President of the Entertainments Committee, Sgt. Curtis, is to be thanked very much for the tremendous amount of hard work he did in getting the Hall ready for the Dance.

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He laboured unceasingly, and the result was very gratifying because the dance hall was tastefully decorated, warm and very comfortable.

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Altogether a very fine and enjoyable evening. Thanks, Curtis !

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During the Whist Drive a friendly billiard tournament was played with a team from the G.H.Q. Sergeants' Mess.

1st Game. S/Sgt. Airy *v.* Sgt. Fletcher.

At the commencement of this game Airy played rather weakly, the reason being the ivory balls.

After the fifty mark the game was very closely contested, Sgt. Fletcher winning by 8 points.

2nd Game. C.Q.M.S. Ludford *v.* Sgt. Smith.

Both players missed easy shots at the beginning. Ludford then started off really seriously, with a break of 12 ; after this the game was excellent.

The scores were level on three occasions. Sgt. Smith won by the small margin of 2.

3rd Game. R.Q.M.S. Ambury *v.* R.Q.M.S. Sheriff.

During this game R.Q.M.S. Ambury held an average lead of 30 all the way, running out the winner by 42 points.

4th Game. C.S.M. Watson *v.* Exton.

Watson won by 16 points.

CAN YOU BEAT THIS ?

MINIATURE TEST MATCH IN BILLIARDS, BY WATCROFT BROS.

For the sake of this article we will call the brothers, " Man Boy " and " Gee-Gee."

The fatal moment ! " The spin of the coin." " Who shall bat first ? "

" Gee-Gee " wins. He fails to strike the ball (1 away).

His brother did the same thing. (Excitement begins to get warm.)

" Man Boy " proceeds to roll up his sleeves, for (we presume, in order to give freer movement to his supple wrists).

A few moments' play, and " Gee-Gee " then rolls up his sleeves, with much grousing regarding the HIGH quality of the cues.

Excitement is INTENSE, the score being 6 plays 5.

All spectators are extremely alert, all suffering with coloured spots before the eyes. (Visions of great breaks !)

" Man Boy " walks dexterously round the table, amidst great silence ; but, alas ! ! ! the great break made by him did not exceed TWO.

The Brothers are now perspiring freely.

The " Man Boy " now proceeds to remove more raiment—*i.e.* his coat.

After vain attempts to score, his brother did likewise.

After a little while " Gee-Gee " races ahead, the score now being " Gee-Gee " 78, " Man Boy " 21.

On and ON went this great match for supremacy.

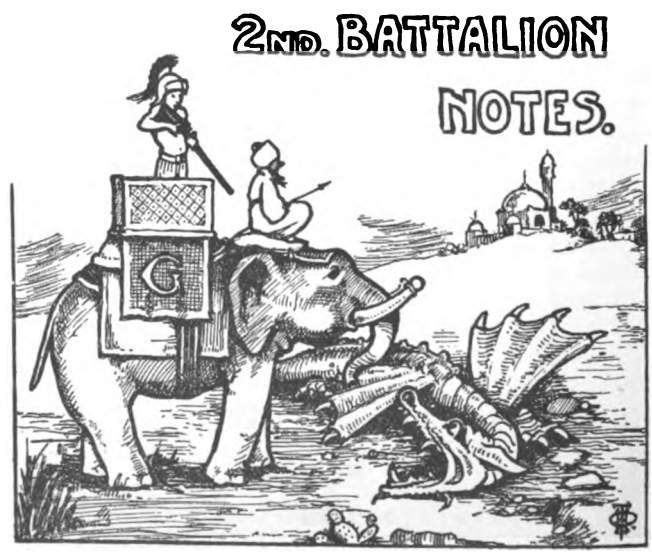
As each shot was taken the excited audience held their breaths.

During the play each contestant removed more and MORE ! ! ! of his raiment, until long last the game draws to its close.

Five points only are required for " Man Boy " to win, so, with triumphant gesture he whipped off his puttees and grasping his cue he succeeded in (to the great amusement of the spectators) making a break of TEN.

So ended the greatest game in the history of all MINIATURE TEST MATCHES.

The contestants eventually leaving the field of action in the garb of Nurmi, the great cross country runner.



FYZABAD,
INDIA,
December, 1924.

The past month saw the completion of our annual camp, and the preparations for the execution of a long list of Christmas festivities.

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On our return from camp on the 17th December, a big shoot

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was organised at Milkipur for 22nd and 23rd December. A party of the Officers, including Colonel Humphreys, Colonel-Commandant H.Q., E.C., with 9 boats secured a big bag, considering that the jheels had been recently shot over. Starting with 3 peacocks and a demoiselle crane, the bag ranged through Gadwell, Spotbill, Widgeon, Pochard, Court duck and 3 kinds of teal to 2 snipe and a quail.

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The party got back just in time to enjoy "B" Company's dance in the Regimental Theatre, on the evening of the 23rd December.

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The Corporals' dance followed on Christmas Eve.

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On Christmas Day the early morning was rendered tuneful

"By Gum 'Orace! yer still hev yer stripe."
"Aye Mother, held it eight years, langer thin some o' thim."

by the attempts of a bazaar band to extract "backsheesh." Their efforts were nipped in the bud, and the morning passed off in comparative quiet only broken by sporadic outbursts of eastern music, when a bungalow which had previously escaped was visited.

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After parade service, at which "Onward, Christian Soldiers" was played excellently in strict march tune by the Band, augmented by side drums, the Commanding Officer visited the Companies at dinner and wished them a happy Christmas and New Year.

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Some of us who took part in the parade service are still in doubt as to whether the sun actually stood still for periods ranging from 20 minutes to ¾ of an hour at intervals during the morning and then made a prodigious leap forward to catch up, or whether it was merely the guard room clock, first working on Fyzabad and then on standard time.

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Messages and 'Xmas cards conveying good wishes for 'Xmas and the New Year were received from :—

Lord Rawlinson, General Barrow, Major-General and Mrs. Deverell, Col. Wilkinson, Col. McNamara, Major-General Stewart, Col. and Mrs. Girdwood, Lt.-Col. Platt, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Hopkinson, I.C.S., 4th and 7th Batts. Northumberland Fusiliers, 2nd Batt. Middlesex Regt., 11/7th Rajput Regt., 2nd King's Shropshire Light Infantry, 1st Batt. The Cheshire Regt., 5th Royal Gurkha Rifles, F.F., 3/11th Sikh Regt., 1st Royal Batt. 9th Jat. L.I., 1st Batt. The Welch Regt., 2nd Batt. The Lincolnshire Regt., 1st Royal Garhwal Rifles, 1st and 2nd Batt. The West Yorkshire Regt., 1st Batt. The Duke of Cornwall's L.I., 40th Battery, R.F.A., 9th Field Battery, R.A., 16/5th Lancers.

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A merry party of ladies and children assembled, in accordance with old custom, in the Officers' Mess on Christmas night.

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The only event on Boxing Day was the Officers *v.* Sergeants' football match, won by the former by 4—0. It is only due to the latter to say that 4 members of the Mess who play for the Regimental team were omitted from the team, but—wait till next year !

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An account of this match is contained elsewhere in these notes.

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On 27th December the Fancy Fair was held, and as far as can be judged at present was equally successful and more of a financial success than last year. Fus. Murphy gave us a fine display as acrobatic clown, and Fusrs. Hosker as the man in the barrel, and Birnie as clown worked hard and caused much amusement.

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The coffee stall and cocoanut shies, in charge of Drum-Major Brace and Pioneer-Sergt. Jackson respectively, proved once more to be very popular. Fus. Andrews, with a coster ekka, won the 2nd prize for clowns. Name of prizewinners are shown elsewhere in these notes.

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"A" Company's whist drive and dance was held on the evening of the 30th December, followed by H.Q. Wing's on New Year's Eve, and on the 1st January the Proclamation Parade, with Lt.-Col. Sandilands commanding the station, took place at 11 a.m., followed by the Married Families' entertainment in the afternoon. Excellent films were provided by Mr. Wells and "Felix gets his Revenge" delighted everyone.

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On Saturday, 3rd January, St. George's Minstrels gave a very good show in spite of many difficulties due to shortness of time for rehersal, 'Xmas festivities, and so on. Incidentally the performance was a distinct financial success, which must be a comfort to the P.R.I.

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"D" and "C" Companies hold their whist drives and dances on the 6th and 7th January, respectively, and these will wind up the Christmas festivities of 1924/25.

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On the 4th and 5th January the "Broadcaster Quartette" gave two evening performances. The singing, dancing and

acting of all members of the quartette was very much appreciated by crowded houses, and a clever series of musical sketches were given admirably by the pianist.

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Colonel Sandilands goes to manœuvres at Delhi as assistant to Chief Umpire with the Khaki Force. The Adjutant goes as liason officer with the R.A.F., and Majors Kershaw and Foster with Captains Hogshaw and Attwater as umpires with units.

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Congratulations to Capt. Tarleton on his success in shooting 2 tiger cubs, and to Major Foster on obtaining a tigress with an exceptionally well-marked skin.

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We understand that the Press are anxious to know :—

(*a*) What distinguished Officer was elected "Bacchus Professor" to Khaki Force for sounding the Standfast in the Delhi manœuvres.

(*b*) Who forgot to warn the Blue R.A.F. that hostilities ceased on the night of the 16th January, and was thus responsible for most unseemly hilarity when units of Khaki Force were bombed at breakfast at dawn on the 17th.

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We should also like to know with regard to (*a*) what the customary libations at the initiation ceremonies cost the sponsors.

All representatives of the Regiment who went to Delhi as umpires are most grateful for the kindness and hospitality extended by the Bde. Commander, H.Q. and all Units of the 18th Ind. Inf. Bde.

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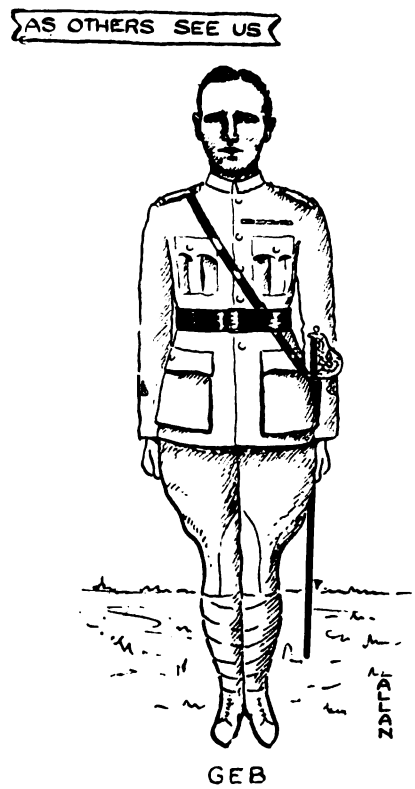
ACCOUNT OF OFFICERS *v.* SERGEANTS FOOTBALL MATCH PLAYED ON 26TH DECEMBER.

Both teams started the game with a tremendous burst of energy, and the Officers' backs (Colours), Mr. Collingwood and Mr. Vaughan, were hard put to it to clear the ball from their goal; however, after a hard fight in clouds of dust, Mr. Collingwood cleared the ball to the Colour forwards, who dashed up the field and were checked by the Sergeants' backs (whites).

For the next ten minutes or so the play was more or less equal, R.S.M. Brockelsby nearly breaking through once or twice. Mr. Pringle then took a pass from Mr. Fryer, passed through the remaining white defence and shot a goal. Colours next effort was from Mr. Ingledew, who seeing the ball coming to him headed it with remarkable accuracy straight to Capt. Plummer, who shot a goal. In a few minutes the half-time whistle went, leaving the score at 2—0 in the Officers' favour.

After half-time Capt. Hogshaw came out of goal and changed places with Mr. Olver, who was playing in the forward line. Mr. Olver then went half, and Mr. Humphreys went into goal. No one seemed to be a bit weary after the strenuous first half, but the added advantage of a fresh man in the colour forward line kept the ball up the white end of the field most of the time. After about ten minutes' hard play Capt. Cooper scored



for colours. After this third goal whites made a determined effort to score and would have succeeded in disturbing Mr.

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Humphreys from his professional attitude of propping up the goal posts, had not Mr. Collingwood by a neat method of balanc-

ing on the ball with both feet at the same time prevented whites' most dangerous movement from being successful.

After this, whites mostly stayed in their own half and only came out of it for short periods. Capt. Plummer scored another goal near the end, bringing the total up to four.

Right at the end of the game Sergt.-Major Beck got away in fine style and shot a really good goal, unfortunately hardly had the ball left his foot when the whistle for time went, leaving the score at 4—0 in the Officers' favour.

The teams were :—

OFFICERS.—Capt. J. H. Hogshaw, M.C., Lieut. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C., 2nd-Lieut. C. R. Olver, Lieut. G. C. Humphreys, Lieut. B. T. G. Pringle, Capt. A. E. B. Plummer, M.C., Lieut. H. A. Ingledew, 2nd-Lieut. J. Collingwood, 2nd-Lieut. M. Clifford, 2nd-Lieut. S. Vaughan, Capt. C. H. Cooper, M.C.

SERGEANTS.—C.S.M. Hodsell, C.Q.M.S. Willson, W.O. Murdoch, W.O. Hall, Sergt. Drummond, R.S.M. Brockelsby, D.C.M., C.Q.M.S. Tudor, M.M., C.Q.M.S. Pollard, C.S.M. Beck, M.M., C.S.M. Tyrrell, M.M., O.R. Q.M.S. Atkinson.

REFEREE.—Sergt. Keith.

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ACCOUNT OF THE FINAL OF THE BRIGADE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

The final of the Brigade Football Championship between the 5th Fusiliers and the 4th Hussars was played at Lucknow on 22nd December, on the Lincolns' ground.

After about ten minutes' play a penalty kick for accidentally handling in the penalty area was given against one of our backs, and resulted in a goal for the 4th Hussars.

The next goal was scored by the FIFTH. A free kick was given on the right wing about 30 yards from the goal, and a very fine goal was kicked by Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock.

At half-time the score was one goal all. As no further score was obtained at the end of the match, ten minutes each way extra time was given and the 4th Hussars scored about a minute before time.

Lce.-Cpl. Easom played a very fine game in goal, but the rest of the team did not do themselves justice.

The final score was 2 goals to 1 in favour of the 4th Hussars. All of these were scored from penalty kicks.

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FANCY FAIR PRIZES, 27TH DECEMBER, 1924.

Dribbling the Football.—1st prize, 5Rs., Sgt. Ashton ; 2nd prize, 3Rs., Fus. Smith ; 3rd prize, 2Rs., Fus. Marsden.

Musical Chairs.—British winner, 5Rs., Fus. Lily ; Indian winner, 5Rs., Jagal Prath Singh.

Cock Fighting.—Winning team of 4, 20Rs., "C" Coy. ; Runners-up, 12Rs., "D" Coy.

Hidden Treasure.—Finder, 20Rs., Lce.-Cpl. Whitthread.

Children's Race (over 8).—1st prize, 3Rs., Miss Brace ; 2nd prize, 2Rs., Miss Siddell ; every other runner, each 1R.

Children's Race (under 8).—1st prize, 3Rs., Master Hall ; 2nd prize, 2Rs., Miss Mole ; every other runner, each 1R.

Baby Show.—1st prize, 4Rs., Mrs. Davis ; 2nd prize, 3Rs., Mrs. Evans ; 3rd prize, 2Rs., Mrs. Siddell.

Clown.—Best, 5Rs., Fus. Birnie ; 2nd best, 3Rs., Fus. Andrews.

Ladies' Whistling Competition.—1st, 4Rs., Mrs. Birnie ; 2nd 3Rs., Mrs. Mole ; 3rd, 2Rs., Mrs. Pollard.

Best Photo (other subjects).—1st, 5Rs., Drmr. Howard.

Group and Portraits (photographs).—1st, 5Rs., Drmr. Toulouse.

Needlework.—1st, 5Rs., Fus. McKinnel.

Best Drawing.—1st, 5Rs., Fus. Allan ; 2nd, 3Rs., Fus. Selby.

Canvas Work.—1st, 5Rs., Fus. Tuck ; 2nd, 3Rs., Fus. Bradley.

Miscellaneous in Arts and Crafts (not included in above).—1st, 5Rs., Bdmn. Fleming.

Pillow Fighting on Pole (I.O.R.'s).—1st, 5Rs., Ran. Prasad Singh ; 2nd, 3Rs., Udra Singh.

Ladies' Animal Drawing Race.—1st, 5Rs., Mrs. Pollard ; 2nd, 3Rs., Mrs. Steffen ; 3rd, 2Rs., Mrs. Mole.

Man in the Barrel.—5Rs., Fus. Hosker.

Gym. Competition Clown.—5Rs., Fus. Murphy.

RESULTS OF INTER-PLATOON MATCHES.

HOCKEY.

First Round.

No. 4 Platoon, nil	*v.*	No. 10 Platoon, 1
No. 8 Platoon, 1	*v.*	No. 2 Platoon, 3
No. 15 Platoon, 5	*v.*	No. 5 Platoon, nil
No. 13 Platoon, nil	*v.*	No. 1 Platoon, 1
No. 7 Platoon, 1	*v.*	No. 9 Platoon, 9

Second Round.

No. 14 Platoon, nil	*v.*	No. 9 Platoon, 4
No. 12 Platoon, 4	*v.*	No. 6 Platoon, nil
No. 20 Platoon, 2	*v.*	No. 11 Platoon, 6
No. 16 Platoon	*v.*	No. 17 Platoon (scratched)
No. 21 Platoon, 2	*v.*	No. 3 Platoon, 1
No. 18 Platoon, nil	*v.*	No. 19 Platoon, 1
No. 15 Platoon, nil	*v.*	No. 1 Platoon, 3
No. 10 Platoon, 2	*v.*	No. 2 Platoon, nil

Third Round.

No. 1 Platoon, 1	*v.*	No. 10 Platoon, 2
No. 12 Platoon, 1	*v.*	No. 9 Platoon, 2
No. 16 Platoon, nil	*v.*	No. 11 Platoon, 2
No. 21 Platoon, 2	*v.*	No. 19 Platoon, 1

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Semi-Final.

No. 9 Platoon, 1 *v.* No. 10 Platoon, 2
No. 21 Platoon, nil *v.* No. 11 Platoon, 1

Final.

No. 11 Platoon, nil *v.* No. 10 Platoon, 2

FOOTBALL.

First Round.

No. 1 Platoon, 1 *v.* No. 11 Platoon, nil
No. 12 Platoon, 1 *v.* No. 8 Platoon, nil
No. 13 Platoon, 2 *v.* No. 10 Platoon, 1
No. 15 Platoon, 1 *v.* No. 5 Platoon, nil
No. 2 Platoon, 3 *v.* No. 20 Platoon, nil

Second Round.

No. 1 Platoon, nil *v.* No. 12 Platoon, 2
No. 15 Platoon, 2 *v.* No. 13 Platoon, nil
No. 19 Platoon *v.* No. 17 Platoon (scratched)
No. 3 Platoon, nil *v.* No. 2 Platoon, 2
No. 7 Platoon, 1 *v.* No. 9 Platoon, nil
No. 4 Platoon, nil *v.* No. 16 Platoon, 1
No. 6 Platoon, 1 *v.* No. 18 Platoon, 2
No. 14 Platoon, nil *v.* No. 21 Platoon, 2

Third Round.

No. 18 Platoon, nil *v.* No. 21 Platoon, 1
No. 12 Platoon, nil *v.* No. 15 Platoon, 1
No. 19 Platoon, 3 *v.* No. 2 Platoon, 1
No. 7 Platoon, 2 *v.* No. 10 Platoon, 1

Semi-Final.

No. 15 Platoon, 2 *v.* No. 19 Platoon, nil
No. 21 Platoon, 3 *v.* No. 7 Platoon, 1

Final.

No. 15 Platoon, 1 *v.* No. 21 Platoon, nil

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The annual Boxing Day Soccer Fixture with the Officers found us humiliated to a degree much below anything the most pessimistic would ever have conjectured. That we were hopelessly beaten goes without saying, for a score of 4 goals to nil really speaks for itself.

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The defeat was all the more surprising as everything had been so nicely arranged—our own selected referee—service on our side, for we were ten of 15 years' service and one of 10 years—and a buoyant spirit cognisant of our traditional success in this fixture! But despite all this we failed, and as the referee has departed, too, having carefully and wisely taken himself away to the Auxilliary Force, we have no one to rend our feelings upon and are left in utter contempt with ourselves.

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The combination and perfect understanding displayed by Captains Hogshaw, Plummer and Cooper as an inside trio suggested a careful study of the text-books, and approached a standard quite as likely to baffle the tactical examiners as it did the referee.

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The members of the Mess, with their wives and families, were entertained to tea by the Officers after the match.

On the impending departure of R.Q.M.S. Capstaff and C.S.M. Tyrrell to the T.A., a farewell social in their honour was held during the month. The Commanding Officer and Officers were present, and a real gala evening was spent.

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The chair was taken by C.S.M. Beck, who made a very happy and fitting reference to the popularity of the two departing members. His feelings were reciprocated by all.

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The Commanding Officer spoke very feelingly, and his reference to the early times and his first acquaintanceship with R.Q.M.S. Capstaff, carried many of us back to the good old days. We have never heard any happier eulogy than that expressed by Colonel Sandilands of the service and abilities of both these Warrant Officers.

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The two members were chaired during the evening and again on the rendering of their favourite selections. That they are alive and well after such a terrific handling gives us extreme satisfaction and enhances our hope for their ability to withstand any such repetition in the future.

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In the absence of the Band we were very much indebted to Miss McLeod and Mrs. Hodsell, who stepped into the breach and helped with their excellent accompaniment at the piano.

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The function was the prelude to a happy week, which many of us will not quickly forget.

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The R.Q.M.S. sailed on 24th December. A large party—ample testimony of his popularity—assembled at the station to bid him adieu. The Mess loses a great friend, and he carries with him our very best wishes for the future. At the time of writing these notes C.S.M. Tyrrell is still with us, but rumour has is that he sails on the 27th January.

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The 'Xmas Tree for the wives and children of members was a homely effort, and thanks are extended to C.S.M. Beck and his Committee for their able arrangements. Our worthy "Chips" again officiated as Santa Claus.

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Our congratulations are extended to Sergt. Skelton on his marriage.

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O.R. Q.M.S. Willson and C.Q.M.S. Bellamy, having been promoted to substantive rank, also receive our congratulations.

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Several members are expecting an early leave to U. K. during the present trooping season, and the names of C.S.M. Davies and C.Q.M.S. Scott are mentioned as prospective candidates.

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Ex-Sergt. Wheatley has been through from Nepal to see us. His 15 stone has not shrunk in the least.

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Sergt. Keith has been posted to the Agra Contingent A.F.I. When petrol prices are lowered he has promised to return for a few days' rest from his "arduous" labours.

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The new Soccer jerseys have arrived, after a lapse of twelve months, and we are now resplendent in colour.

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DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
23rd February, 1925.

This has been a busy and eventful month.

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The most important event has been the conferring upon us,

FIFTH FUSILIERS IN THE MAKING: FIRST WEEK.

by Lt.-Col. A. D. S. Rogers, T.D., and the Officers of the 6th Battalion, of the honour of Honorary Membership of their Mess. It is an honour which we appreciate very much, and which makes us feel that one more link has been forged between ourselves and our Territorial brethren.

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On the 5th and 6th the Permanent Staff of the Territorial Battalions visited us for a refresher course, and they were followed on the 7th and 8th by another party of over forty

FIFTH FUSILIERS IN THE MAKING: EIGHTH WEEK.

officers, whom we endeavoured to instruct, entertain and amuse with a week-end course.

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To those who are ignorant of the duties of an Infantry Depôt it may be as well to explain that a week-end course is not a thing to be undertaken lightly. One is not catering for the masses, for whom anything will suffice, but for forty or fifty people who have been working hard for the past week, and who have given up two days' rest to come and take part in, listen to, or watch, whatever play one has prepared for them.

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We have reason to believe that this week-end was a success, judging from the letters which were received afterwards by the Commanding Officer, and from the fact that everyone, from the newest recruit upwards, was determined that it was to be a success.

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We hope to produce an equally good impression on the N.C.O.'s of the four Battalions on the 28th and 29th.

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Our thanks are due to Colonel Gayer-Anderson, and the 51st Battery R.F.A., for their share of the programme; also to ex-Fusilier Kelly, who, although he was discharged the day before, refused to go until he had once again shown in the turn-out demonstration, what a Fusilier could, should and must look like. He was rewarded by finding himself no longer faced with the prospect of an out-of-work existence, but with a choice

FIFTH FUSILIERS IN THE MAKING.
READY TO JOIN THEIR BATTALION.

of three or four jobs offered him by Officers attending the course.

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The following Territorial Officers and Warrant and N.C.O.'s of the Permanent Staff attended the course :—

4th Battalion.

Capt. G. L. Bradley	Capt. A. B. Hare, M.C.
Capt. R. Wood	Capt. F. B. Clarke
Capt. B. Peacock, M.C.	Lieut. J. W. McL. Anderson
Lieut. A. Fleming	Lieut. W. H. Gibson
Lieut. A. McClellan	2nd-Lieut. J. H. Todd, D.F.C.
Bt. Major and Adjutant K. G. Williams, O.B.E.	
C.S.M. E. Mower	Sergt. H. West
Sergt. W. G. Wixon	

5th Battalion.

Col. A. Irwin, D.S.O.	Lieut. T. A. Herdman
2nd-Lieut. R. H. Rooksby	Lieut. T. A. Johnson
Major P. P. Phillips	Lieut. G. H. I. Stanley
Lieut. N. K. Worters	Lieut. F. Phillips
2nd-Lieut. G. Ellis	2nd-Lieut. J. R. Ashworth
2nd-Lieut. H. H. Davison	Capt. E. W. Thompson
Capt. and Adjt. G. J. W. Gatehouse	
A/R.S.M. Mellors	Sergt. Wood
Sergt. Bramley	

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6th Battalion.

Lt.-Col. A. D. S. Rogers, T.D.
Major W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C.
Capt. F. Dawson, M.C.
Lieut. C. B. Carrick, M.C.
2nd-Lieut. G. L. A. France
Capt. and Adjt. J. T. Leese
A/R.S.M. Capstaff
Major G. E. Williams, M.C.
Lieut. S. L. Challoner
Capt. F. C. Clayton, M.C.
2nd-Lieut. J. H. Criddle
2nd-Lieut. P. Gardner
Sergt. Hullyer

7th Battalion.

Major H. R. Smail, T.D.
Capt. E. Watson
Capt. D. C. McCreath, M.C.
Lieut. W. C. W. Potts
2nd-Lieut. G. H. Green
2nd-Lieut. M. Robson
Capt. T. Appleby
Lieut. T. Ledgerwood
Lieut. W. E. R. Fuller
Lt. and Q.M. C. Adlard, M.M.
Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O.
A/R.S.M. Rowsell
C.S.M. Bradford
Sergt. Loder
Sergt. Timbers
Sergt. Cole

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It was with much regret that we said good-bye to Mr. L. C.

OCTOBER SQUAD.
WINNERS OF BOXING SHIELD, 1925.

Thomas, at the end of his tour of duty at the Depôt. Since his arrival in 1922, no one can have done more than Mr. Thomas to raise our prestige in the Northern Command. He was known throughout the Command in connection with the Training Cadre Platoon, which he inaugurated and trained up to its high state of efficiency, and throughout the 149th Infantry Brigade for his work in camp and on Territorial Courses. He sails for Tanganyika with the best wishes of all Fusiliers in Northumberland.

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We welcome Mr. T. Bennett, who joined us on the 15th from the 2nd Battalion, and we are looking forward to further honourable advancement in boxing under his guidance.

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We gained considerable honourable advancement at the last Inter-Depôt Boxing Competition. On the results of our Inter-Squad Competition last month we knew that we had a team above the average, and our hopes were fulfilled on the 10th and 12th when we beat our old rivals, the 68th.

Colonel Rogers and several Officers of the 6th Battalion came in to watch the boxing on the final night, and there were also a large number of Territorial Officers from the other side of the Tyne. The results are published elsewhere, but mention must be made of Private Burnell, of the 68th, who gave a wonderful exhibition of pluck in the first round.

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Colonel Andrew Henderson, D.S.O., gave away the prizes, and with them some excellent advice, his three most important points being :—

Take advantage of your height, if you are tall, to protect your head and guard your body.
Follow up an advantage.
Don't cross your legs.

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The last two principles would seem to apply to war also, especially that about following up an advantage, and as for crossing your legs, that is the especial privilege of crusaders, and even then only after their demise !

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Colonel Henderson congratulated us on winning, but warned us that some pits were closing down in Durham shortly, releasing many canny lads, for a "come back" campaign at our next encounter.

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Major R. M. Booth, D.S.O., has kindly presented the Mess with a new picture, commemorating the County's part in the last war. It depicts St. George on the wrong side of the Tyne, riding towards Newcastle and looking over a panorama of Northumbria, including "the lordly strand of Northumberland and the goodly towers thereby," and stretching from St. Nicholas's to the Cheviots.

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There is a scroll bearing the inscription :—" Northumberland, 1914–1918," and underneath the lines by Newbolt :—

" When England sets her banners forth
An' bids her armour shine,
She'll not forget the famous North,
The lads of Moor and Tyne.

" And when the loving cup's in hand,
And Honour leads the cry,
They know not old Northumberland
Who'll pass her memory by.

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5TH/68TH REGIMENTAL DEPÔT'S BOXING COMPETITION.

Held on 10th and 12th February, 1925.

112 lbs. to 120 lbs.

Fus. Ford (5th) .. .. } Tranter
Pte. Tranter (68th) .. .. }

Fus. Lodge (5th) .. .. } Lodge
Pte. Smith (68th) .. .. }

Tranter

Fus. Raper (5th) .. .. } Moore
Pte. Moore (68th) .. .. }

Lce.-Cpl. Brough (5th) .. } Brough
Pte. Dimmock (68th) .. .. }

Brough

Lce.-Cpl. Brough

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130 *lbs. to* 140 *lbs.*

Fus. Rogers (5th) ..	Young	Young	Fus. Sharpe
Pte. Young (68th) ..			
Fus. Charlton (5th)	Veitch		
Pte. Veitch (68th) ..			
Fus. Marron (5th) ..	Marron	Sharpe	
Pte. Lowther (68th)			
Fus. Sharpe (5th) ..	Sharpe		
Pte. Scott, G. S. (68th)			

120 *lbs. to* 130 *lbs.*

Fus. McGillivray (5th)	McGillivray	McGillivray	Pte. Barnett
Pte. Lewis (68th) ..			
Fus. Calvin (5th) ..	Calvin		
Pte. McCulloch (68th)			
Fus. Harris (5th) ..	Barnett	Barnett	
Pte. Barnett (68th)			
Fus. Fairs (5th) ..	Fairs		
Pte. Thompson (68th)			

140 *lbs. to* 150 *lbs.*

Fus. Degnan (5th) ..	Cowell	Brown	Fus. Chalmers
Pte. Cowell (68th) ..			
Fus. Brown (5th) ..	Brown		
Pte. Hill (68th) ..			
Fus. Chalmers (5th)	Chalmers	Chalmers	
Pte. Wright (68th)			
Fus. Campbell (5th)	Campbell		
Pte. Burnell (68th) ..			

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

HEXHAM-ON-TYNE,

24th February, 1925.

The Annual Divisional Conference at Catterick was attended by the C.O. and Adjutant on 20th and 21st February.

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Items of interest to the readers of these notes emanating from this Conference may be briefly stated as follows :—

The 4th Battalion with only 9 men unexercised at Musketry during the past year, shows the best average in this respect in the Division. The Divisional Commander congratulated the C.O. on this result. Let us hope that this year every man in the Battalion will fire his Course, and that the standard of shooting may show a considerable improvement, so that we may excel not only in the numbers exercised but also in the average scores obtained.

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A further Divisional Tactical Exercise has been arranged to take place after Annual Training.

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Annual Training is to be held definitely from 14th June to 28th June at Pwllheli (pronounced Pwithelly). This is a favourite seaside resort on the Welsh coast, and should act as a great incentive to recruiting. Officers, W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s are again asked to make special efforts to get recruits NOW. We still require one hundred men.

This year there will be considerably more space allotted for the Brigade Camp, which will be situated on the high ground overlooking the sea. There will be plenty of sea-bathing and facilities for sport and games, and Pwllheli appears to abound in "normal seaside attractions" (whatever they may be). Anyhow, we hear they are very good-looking ones.

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A/R.S.M. Clarke has reported to Battalion Headquarters for duty in relief of A/R.S.M. Wodehouse, who has gone on furlough pending discharge.

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Congratulations to Mr. J. M. Todd on his promotion to Lieutenant.

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We welcome to the Battalion Mr. A. S. Todd on first appointment. This officer has been posted to "X" Coy. (Capt. R. Wood).

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By the time these notes appear in print, the last of the Winter Courses for N.C.O.'s at the Depôt will have taken place and drills will have commenced at the various Company Drill Halls.

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

Our Winter Classes are now nearly finished, and we regret that the attendances lately have been falling off. We can only blame the prevalent malady—influenza.

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We are sorry to report that one of our Platoon Sergeants, Sergt. I. Graham, D.C.M., has recently gone through a serious operation. We all wish him a speedy recovery and a better state of health in the future.

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Our recent visit to the Depôt has given us a great deal to think about—particularly with regard to our soldier's turn-out. What a difference we could make if only we could have a week's camp at home before going away with the rest of the Battalion.

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We greatly enjoyed this year's visit to the Depôt, and sincerely think we were given a very good show.

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After our own Officers' Conference we are only sorry that we possess no tailor's stock. Ye Gods ! what a welcome difference there should be !

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We have not got any recruits yet this year, but know of at least four who intend to join. If only we could get forty we would be thoroughly happy. We hope that the sounds produced by our C.S.M. when pronouncing Pwllheli will not be a deterrent.

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We were sorry not to be represented at the Prudhoe Ball, but at the same time we feel that we have nothing to learn from them. The photograph published seems to indicate that it was in the nature of a children's party as well as a Dance ! !

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NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

This month we are able to record slightly more interesting news than in January, which month was, of course, more or less a recuperative period.

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Things in general seem to be shaping themselves somewhat hopefully. The Company Courses are well advanced, and the students thereat have a kind of feeling of "something accomplished, something done," as regards pay.—"Got that?"

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Our new drill hall is rapidly nearing completion, and we hope to occupy it by the end of the month, all things being well: however, March notes ought to furnish more news in this respect. "Got that?"

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You will probably notice our marked admiration for the Depôt style—*i.e.*, the simple, but expressive words at the end of each sentence—"Got that?"

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We note that clothing and equipment is to be checked periodically and vouched for by Company Commanders. "Well, cheerio! Company Commanders."

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We offer congratulations to Lieut. J. M. Todd, D.F.C., on his promotion, and also welcome 2nd-Lieut. A. S. Todd, who has been gazetted to this Battalion.

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On the 7th and 8th of this month, all the Officers and P.S. Instructors attended a week-end course of instruction at the Depôt, and all found it very interesting and instructive. The Interior Economy was exceptionally fine, and if we could only introduce something like it into our territorial existence, the Champion Company question would never be decided—in fact, we would very respectfully have to ask Col. Forster to give us three more cups.

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Uniformity of dress in a battalion is a very fine thing, wherefore do we fear that in the near future there will be a large amount of kit "going a-begging," and probably one or two bonfires in the district. We all of us thought that this Battalion area would become a Wonderland of uniformity; the following rhyme indicates that even Haltwhistle has fallen for it:—

Tweedle Hare and Tweedle Pear
Went out and bought new breeches.
Said Tweedle Hare to Tweedle Pear:
"We've dodged the artist's reaches."

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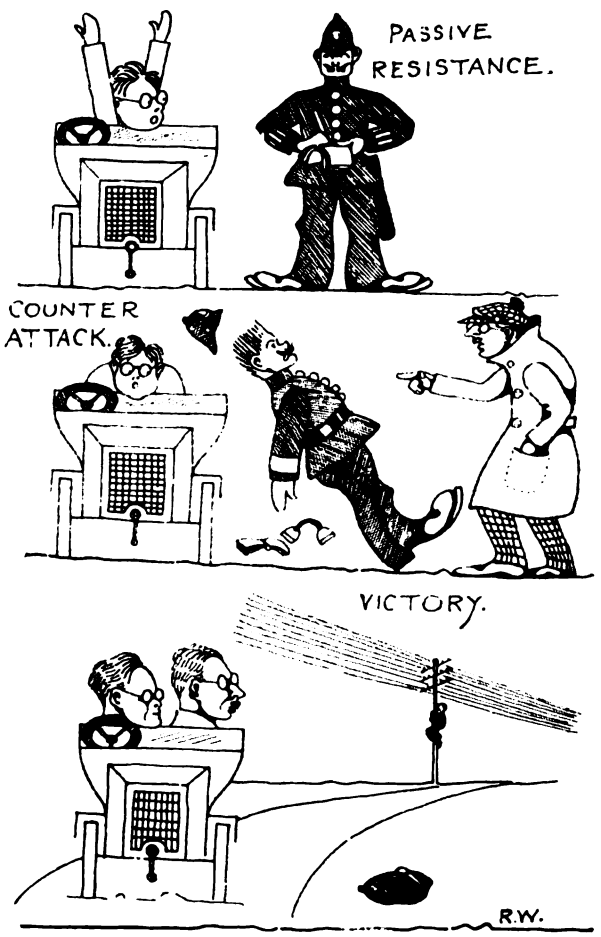
It falls to our lot to admit an error of judgment into which we had fallen. We had long thought that the "Prudhoe Guards" were maintained as a body owing to the great risk to which the countryside would be subjected if they (Prudhoe Guards) were let loose as a separate and unco-ordinated unit. It appears, however, that they are of actual use to the community, and indeed the chief of them (Prudhoe Guards) was instrumental in saving one of our body from apprehension by the civil police. For reasons politic, we do not reduce the details to cold print, but rely on the ancient practice of picture writing, which is as far as we dare go towards amplifying the the incident.



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The Newburn Detachment Branch of the Captains' Confederation at its fifth monthly meeting was subjected to a lecture on "Military Uniformity."

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In the prehistoric days, armies were uniformly garbed because they couldn't help it. Animal skins were the only form of clothes known at that time, and therefore all men were clothed alike, and as all men were soldiers (in habit if not organisation) there was no necessity for special markings. The Saxon period was slightly more advanced than this, because they had male civilians, and therefore soldiers wore a kind of puttee wrapped round the leg. This distinguished them from the civilians, who only wore string.

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Eventually a uniform for the Army was introduced, and before the Great War uniformity had reached the advanced stage of a different form of dress for each regiment. Since the war we have gone back to uniformity throughout the whole Army—*i.e.*, Khaki drab.

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In a military organisation, uniformity is of vital importance, not only in clothes, but also in thought, conduct, drill and appearance. Most of these things can be gained by teaching

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and constant practice, except perhaps in the case of appearance. It has often been thought that the War Office ought to give this point deep consideration.

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It is not sufficient that all soldiers should wear their hair cut short and be shaved every morning; something more than this is needed.

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Men differ in many respects, and this is very unsightly when they are formed up in large bodies. For instance, take any battalion you know of and parse it, or analyse it or something, and just see what you will find. You will find that it has its quota of big and small men, tall and short, fat and thin, bow legged and knock-kneed, black and gingered haired, pale and red faced, wholesome and anaemic, strong and weak, intelligent and vacant, honest and rascally, one-eyed and squint-eyed, and so on, in an endless stream of inequality and deformity.

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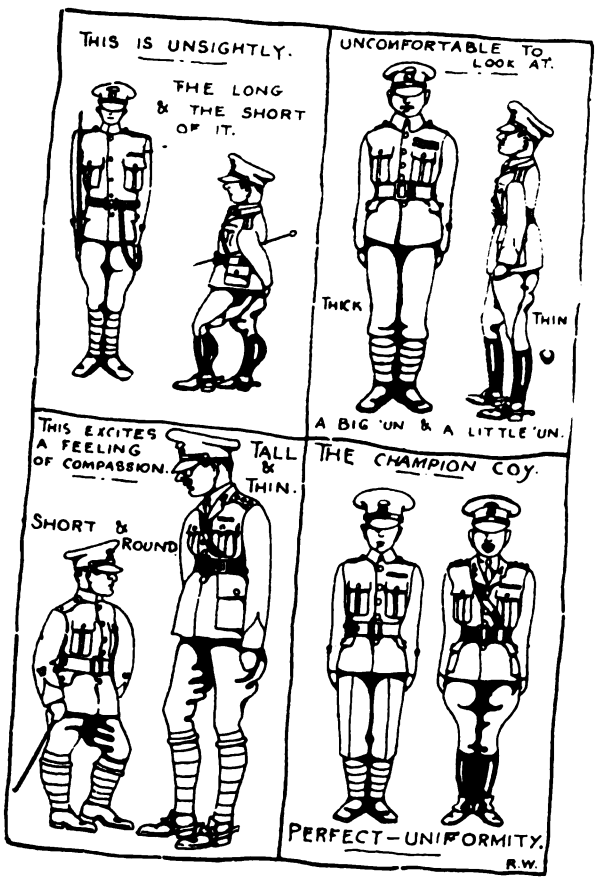

This is all very terrible and something ought to be done about it. Of course it is not suggested that solely good-looking or any other special type be enlisted, nor is it expected that types can be altered—not a bit of it; but surely something could be done in the way of sorting them out and allotting them to different units. For instance, in a battalion there might be a platoon of Greek Gods, another of Dagoes, one of red heads, one of squint-eyed, of bow-legged, big-nosed, lop-eared, fat, thin, tall, short, fair skinned, shaven and bewhiskered, and so on. Surely this would be much better to look at than the present system.

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Of course, if this method was to be carried out thoroughly, the officers would have to fit their platoons.

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Looking back through history, how peculiar is the incongruity of great men opposed to each other at different periods. Rameses, tall, clean shaven and bold, pursues long white-haired and venerable Moses. Little David slays huge Goliath. Bruce on his little palfrey slays the English knight on his large charger. Big, strong, bold and brave Richard fights slim, cunning and shifty Saladin. Refined and beautiful Charles *versus* vulgar, ugly Cromwell. Gaunt-framed Wellington defeats fat little Napoleon. Rugged Cronje surrenders to trim Lord Roberts. There is no end to the list of these remarkable dissimilarities. Why should this be? Surely something can be done about it? For instance, we could always at least let the most prominent figures in each Company be more suitably portioned out, even if only so far as Company Commanders and C.S.M.'s are concerned.

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Look at our own Battalion in this respect—only in the case of one single Company will you find anything like uniformity, and that fortunate Company, mark you, possesses the title of "Champion Company" and holds the Challenge Cup.

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Is this not truly significant of the value of uniformity in appearance? If you look at the accompanying sketch you will see the crying need for improvement. Let us hope that something in this respect may be accomplished.

5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER,

February, 1925.

We heartily congratulate our Commanding Officer on being awarded the Territorial Decoration. His left breast is becoming like Joseph's coat, and it will only take one more small war to complete the similitude.

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The tactical exercise held at Chollerford on the 24th/25th January was well attended, and covered a lot of the work usual to promotion examinations. The use of cavalry, artillery, tanks, "sappers," machine guns, infantry and the R.A.M.C.—and beer—was fully exemplified. A slight argument concerning machine gun positions, which bid fair to last some hours, was mercifully cut short by a heavy downpour of rain, and the position of the individual became the predominating factor in the scheme. Captain "Larry" Shield, of the R.A.M.C., an old friend of ours, represented the R.A.M.C. on the exercise, and gave us interesting information as to the evacuation of wounded, etc. We returned the compliment by sending our Adjutant to represent the Infantry in an R.A.M.C. scheme on the 14th/15th February.

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A particularly interesting week-end course for Officers of the Brigade was held at the Depôt on the 7th/8th February, including an artillery demonstration and a tactical exercise. We are

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lucky in having a Depôt so near us which takes such a great interest in our work, and who are always ready to help us in any way possible. We "take off our hats" to them. They are even throwing open their Mess to us once a month for a Territorial Guest-night—a high compliment.

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Battalion classes are progressing favourably, and recruits are rolling in, so we hope to have a very successful year.

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The Commanding Officer and the Adjutant depart for Catterick on the 19th March, for the annual Divisional Conference. We shall hope to get complete information *re* our annual camp on their return.

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Apart from work there is very little going on—a state of affairs to be commended.

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We are shortly losing the services of A/R.S.M. Mellors, who has been with the Battalion for 5 years, on completion of his tour of duty. All ranks will miss him. He has done a tremendous amount for the Battalion, and his good temper, tact and efficiency will long be remembered. He returns to the 1st Battalion on the Rhine, and we wish him the best of luck.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
25th February, 1925.

Congratulations to Mr. N. W. Brown, on his first commission.

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The annual week-end course at the Depôt on the 7th and 8th instant, was a most enjoyable affair and further cemented *l'entente* between R.A. and T.A. Major Booth and his staff had spared no pains to organise a thoroughly useful and instructive syllabus, and the thanks of those attending were fittingly conveyed by the Brigadier (Col. H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O.). The turn-out of the Recruit Company created a great impression, and fortunate indeed will be the Regular Battalion who gets such smart and clean drafts.

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Major Chenevix-Trench and our five Regular soldiers attended at the Depôt from the 5th onwards, and in addition the following were present for the week-end:—Major Smail, Capts Watson and Appleby, Lieuts. Ledgerwood, Potts and Adland, 2nd-Lieuts. Fuller and Robson—the latter of whom was doing his month's intial course.

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The week-end ended with a tactical exercise and, unfortunately, a downpour of rain.

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Major Currie, Weapon Training Officer of the Northern Command, lectured to Officers of the Brigade on "Tactical Handling of Machine Guns," on the 3rd February. Col. Wright, Major Smail, Capts. Watson and McCreath, Lieuts. Ledgerwood, Potts, Adlard, and Major Trench (Adjutant) were at St. George's Hall on that occasion.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD.
28th February, 1925.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1900, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1913, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1921, and 1921.

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Lt.-Col. H. W. Warwick

Letters to the Editor.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

MIDDLETON HALL,
BELFORD,
NORTHUMBERLAND.
12th February, 1925.

You will no doubt have noted the death of that fine old Fusilier, Brigade-Surgeon Francis Collins, M.D., which occurred on the 3rd of February, in his 93rd year. Probably many of the younger generation have never heard of him, but 30 years ago he never missed a St. George's Day or a Regimental Dinner if he could help it.

Nearly a quarter of a century ago he entrusted me with the diary he kept during the Indian Mutiny, and this I copied out in full—three thick volumes. Major Cubitt, another Mutiny veteran, who is still with us, at the same period entrusted me with his diary, and I was able to augment the first-mentioned diary by this means, and fill in the blanks.

There was an understanding between Dr. Collins and myself, that I would publish his diary after his death. However, the Great War has rather put previous wars into the shade, and no doubt the publication of this diary to-day would mean a financial loss to anyone undertaking it. Dr. Collins afterwards presented a type-written copy of his diary to the 1st Battalion, so that anyone having access to that copy will be in a position to say whether or not it is worth while publishing it.

Yours faithfully,
GERARD F. T. LEATHER.

SIR,

I have heard from Mr. B. B. Bales, of 96, Patteson Road, Norwich, who served with the FIFTH. He states he was born in 1842, enlisted in 1859, joined the Band in 1860, and was

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discharged in 1869 as a Corporal. He gets the *Gazette* regularly from his friend, Major F. A. Cubitt.

He would like to hear from any Bandsmen who served with him.

If you could find room for this in your next issue, someone may be able to get in touch with him.

Yours faithfully,

H. I. MORGAN, *Hon. Secretary*,
O.C.A., London Area.

21st February, 1925.

ANNO DOMINI, 1279–1925.

No part of London is richer in historical associations than the site upon which stand the offices of *The Times* newspaper in Printing House Square, Blackfriars. In the year 1279 the Black Friars had begun to erect the new buildings of that Monastery, which occupied the site now partly covered by the offices of *The Times*.

In 1598, Shakespeare's Blackfriars Theatre was erected in the same spot, and in 1666 the Great Fire of London devastated the site.

From 1667 until the present day Blackfriars has been associated with the Printing Press. A year after the Great Fire new premises known as the King's Printing Office had been erected on the site of Shakespeare's Theatre. Here John Bill founded and printed the *London Gazette*. John Baskett succeeded Bill as the King's Printer in Printing House Square.

In 1784 the first John Walter took over the printing house, where he founded *The Times* newspaper, the first number of which—under the title of *The Daily Universal Register*—was printed in 1785: the title was changed to *The Times* on the 1st January, 1788.

To-day, on the same site, we find in *The Times* Printing Office the most up-to-date printing machinery in the world, where is produced *The Times Weekly Edition*, whose familiar buff cover can be seen in every British military station from Baluchistan to Bermuda.

SOME EXPERIENCES OF A LIGHT INFANTRYMAN WITH THE CHASSEURS ALPINS.

Captain G. S. Fillingham, M.C., The Durham Light Infantry, who must be well known to all 5th Fusiliers who have passed through the Depôt during the last three years, has recently returned from a tour of duty with the 13ieme Chasseurs Alpins, and has kindly replied to a request for "copy" for the "Gazette" with this most interesting article on his experiences. Our thanks are due to him no less for the article itself then for the grand old reactionary sentiments with which it ends!

There are 30 Battalions of Chasseurs-a-Pied in the French Army, of whom 12 are Chasseurs Alpins. These are the 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28 and 30 Battalions.

Regiments of Chasseurs (Light Infantry) existed before the French Revolution, but it was not until 1848, under the Duke of Orleans and the Duke D'Aumade, that definite units of light infantry were formed with the Chasseurs-a-Pied.

Of these Battalions, 14 were in 1876 named Alpin, and to-day there are 30 Battalions of Chasseurs all told.

In contrast to ourselves, who (let it be whispered) have only our tradition of light infantry left, the Chasseurs are still very much light infantry. Considered as *Corps d'elite* of the French Infantry, they specially train for marching.

The Chasseurs are very proud of themselves, and the majority of the Officers are keen and efficient mountaineers. The soldiers are recruited from the mountainous districts of France, and are the pick of the annual contingent of recruits. Height is not considered, but a good standard of physique is required.

The French system of conscription demands that every citizen, regardless of class or financial position, does eighteen months' military training. The annual contingents, approximately 400, arrive on 1st November, and thus complete one Winter Manœuvre and two Summer Manœuvres during the period of service.

The recruit training is on much the same lines as ours, except that a little less attention is paid to outward and visible signs. The barrack rooms are comfortable and well kept. Working hours are longer than ours, there is so much to teach. Eighteen months in which to turn the recruit into an expert machine gunner or signaller is not very long.

Each Battalion of Chasseurs Alpins has its own sector of Mountain Frontier to guard, either in the Alps, the Vosges or the Pyrenees. Generally speaking, all have a station in the hill country and a base in the lower country. The 13me., for

LENSLEBOURG, 4,500 FT.
NAPOLEON BARRACKS.

instance, are at Chambery, and their advanced station is at Lenslebourg (4,500 ft.), just below Mont Cenis. There is one company always in garrison at Lenslebourg, the remainder are at Chambery.

In summer, the Battalion leaves its quarters early in June and spends June, July, August and early September marching and manœuvring in the Alps, complete as an Alpine Group with units of Artillery and Engineers, all under the orders of the C.O. of the Battalion.

Winter Manœuvres are of a different nature, and are carried out by the Battalion only in its own sector for two periods of about 10 days in December and January.

Little tactical training is carried out. The chief idea is to accustom people to winter conditions. As a result, the manœuvres take the form of long reconnaissance marches in the snow from fort to fort.

Each Battalion has a platoon of skieurs, who are generally absolute experts, the remainder of the troops use snowshoes. The writer was lucky enough to be able to go on manœuvres with the 13me. this year.

(To be continued.)

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16*th February*, 1925.

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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Colonel G. Reavell ..	.. „ 3/26		

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Lieut. P. R. H. Thurston retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 11th March).

Capt. T. C. L. Redwood is seconded for service under the Colonial Office (dated 28th January).

Capt. C. H. Markham, h.p. list, on completion of a period of five years on the h.p. list, is placed on ret. pay on account of ill health caused by wounds (dated 16th March).

Lt. W. H. Griffiths, M.C., retires on ret. pay (dated 20th July, 1924), and is granted the rank of Capt. (Substituted for the notification in the *Gazette* of 22nd July, 1924.)

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

GENERAL LIST.

NORTH'D. FUS.—2nd-Lieut. H. A. Smith to be Lieut. (dated 24th Oct., 1922).

Capt. W. H. Griffiths, M.C. (Lieut., ret. pay), to be Capt. (dated 20th July, 1924), with seniority 1st March, 1923. (Substituted for the notification in the *Gazette* of 22nd July, 1924.)

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

5TH BATT. NORTH'D. FUS.—2nd-Lieut. J. R. Ashworth, from Active List, to be 2nd-Lieut. (dated 11th March).

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

COLOGNE.

It is very much regretted that, as the Battalion will be in camp on St. George's Day this year, it will be impossible to troop the Colours or organise any festivities. The Battalion will not, therefore, be able to entertain friends. This is particularly disappointing for us, as we had hoped, this being our last year on the Rhine, to celebrate the occasion and ask friends from England as usual.

The Battalion has just arrived at Leidenhausen, and we are preparing to fire the Annual Range Courses. This is the third year we have sojourned in this Camp. Each year we fire the various tables in less time than we did in the previous year. The flag falls at 7 a.m. on Monday, 30th March. We then fire our rifles, Lewis Guns and revolvers as fast as we can for five weeks.

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March has been spent preparing for this. Our Garrison Employ have returned to the fold. The last of the leave parties has rejoined. Companies have been doing intensive training, and now we wait and hope for good Battalion averages

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Captain Powell and Captain Pemberton left us early in the month to attend courses ; the former on Hygiene (which name appears to cover the most sordid of all administrative details) and the latter on Gas.

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Speaking of Gas, you must know that during this month the whole Battalion has been "put through" the gas chamber—the phrase "put through" is used advisedly. The sudden anxiety in the efficiency of the box respirator was astounding.

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Mr. Newstead, not content with a very spectacular motor smash in Cologne some months ago, determined to show England what could be done. When on leave, he was unfortunate enough to have a really bad one. We are happy to say that he personally received no injuries.

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Mr. Butterfield has represented the Rhine Army on the Rugger Field. He assisted in defeating a French XV. at Dusseldorf. Others assisted him in scoring other successes at a dance afterwards. There are various rumours of how the party arrived back to Cologne. The truth probably is that Mr. Henry Ford's cars have a very marked resemblance to Miss Bo-Peep's sheep.

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As is usual at this time of the year, there has been considerable difficulty in completing the outstanding Champion Company Competitions. The Hockey and Drill were finished, and the results are given below. We have not been quite so successful with the Weapon Training Tests, but we hope to complete them this month. The March and Shoot has had to be postponed.

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We have received two drafts from the Depôt, one of 28 O.R.'s on the 2nd March, and one of 31 O.R.'s on the 26th March, 1925. We were very pleased to see Capt. Waight, who conducted the former, and Mr. Forbes Watson who conducted the latter.

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RESULT OF DRILL COMPETITION.

	Turn Out.	Arms Drill.	Coy. Drill.	Figure of Merit.
"Z" Company ..	80–90%	86–11%	71–33%	238–34
"X" Company ..	73–03%	74–72%	74–00%	221–40
"W" Company	66–90%	71–67%	76–67%	215–24
H.Q. "A" ..	68–22%	69–30%	73–00%	210–52
"Y" Company ..	63–41%	73–33%	70–67%	207–40
H.Q. "B" ..	69–00%	65–83%	71–67%	206–50

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Hart Shield Boxing Competition.

The Hart Shield Boxing Competition took place on 5th and 6th March. The scores of the leading companies were very close, and excitement was kept up till the last fight. Headquarters are to be congratulated on being first and second.

Fus. Farthing looked like beating Lce.-Cpl. Ellen easily in the first round because the latter retired the whole time. But Ellen surprised everyone by boxing very well in the next two rounds, and Farthing had to fight his best to hold his own. Farthing won on points.

Lce.-Cpl. Flint attacked hard in the first round but was wild, while Collighan kept cool and hit straight. This round was very fast, and Flint seemed exhausted at the end. The second round was like the first, but slower. In the third round Flint went down twice, but still fought hard. Collighan showed himself to be the better boxer, and won on points.

Fus. Collighan was unfortunate in having to fight for the second time that night against Fus. Vinton, who had had a walk-over. The first round was slow, but the last was very fast and keen. Vinton won on points.

Fus. Colley had a hard fight against Fus. Irwin, and won easily on points. He hit on the target, while most of Irwin's hits were not.

Fus. Stockton and Sgt. Chapman were slow during the first round, but Stockton attacked during the second and scored on every interchange of blows. In the third round Stockton continued to attack and won on points.

Cpl. Purcell and Fus. O'Hara had a hard and keen fight in the first round, but unfortunately O'Hara had to retire owing to his thumb which he had hurt in his previous fight with Fus. Dawson.

Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart knocked out Fus. Thompson in the first round.

No Company could find a Fly-weight.

At the end the Hart Shield and Medals were presented by Colonel W. N. Herbert, who congratulated all the boxers and mentioned Lce.-Cpl. Flint and Fus. Butler as good loosers, also Sgt. Chapman, who had played rugger the same afternoon. He finally thanked Capt. W. H. Palmer, M.C., K.R.R.C., Capt. C. W. H. Bailie, 43rd L.I., and Lieut. C. F. Tarr, K.S.L.I., for kindly acting as referee and judges both nights.

Results were :—

Bantam-weight.

Final.—Fus. Anderson (" A " Group) beat Lce.-Cpl. Brough (" X " Coy.)—k.o.

Feather-weight.

Semi-finals.—Lce.-Cpl. Ellen (" W " Coy.) beat Fus. Wright (" Z " Coy.). Fus. Farthing (" X " Coy.) beat Fus. Butler (" B " Group).

Final.—Fus. Farthing (" X " Coy.) beat Lce.-Cpl. Ellen (" W " Coy.).

Light-weight.

First Round.—Fus. Collighan (" Z " Coy.) beat Lce.-Cpl. Flint (" X " Coy.). Fus. Vinton (" W " Coy.) —w.o.

Semi-finals.—Fus. Vinton (" W " Coy.) beat Fus. Collighan (" Z " Coy.). Fus. Taylor (" A " Group) beat Fus. Muir (" B " Group).

Final.—Fus. Vinton (" W " Coy.) beat Fus. Taylor (" A " Group).

Welter-weight.

First Round.—Fus. Colley (" B " Group) beat Fus. Peacock (" A " Group). Fus. Harrop (" X " Coy.) beat Cpl. Hackett (" Z " Coy.) disqualified.

Semi-final.—Fus. Colley (" B " Group)—w.o. Fus. Irwin (" Y " Coy.), w.o.

Final.—Fus. Colley (" B " Group) beat Fus. Irwin (" Y " Coy.).

Middle-weight.

Semi-final.—Sgt. Chapman (" Z " Coy.) beat Lce.-Cpl. Chambers (" X " Coy.). Fus. Stockton (" Y " Coy.) beat Fus. King (" B " Group).

Final.—Fus. Stockton (" Y " Coy.) beat Sgt. Chapman (" Z " Coy.).

Light Heavy-weight.

First Round.—Fus. O'Hara (" B " Group) beat Lce.-Cpl. Smith (" W " Coy.) retired.

Semi-final.—Fus. O'Hara (" B " Group) beat Fus. Dawson (" Z " Coy.). Cpl. Purcell (" A " Group) beat Lce.-Cpl. McGarry (" X " Coy.).

Final.—Cpl. Purcell (" A " Group) beat Fus. O'Hara (" B " Group), retired.

Catch-weight.

Final.—Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart (" Z " Coy.) beat Fus. Thompson (" X " Coy.)—k.o.

Points for Champion Company.

H.Q.W. " B "	15
H.Q.W. " A "	12
" X " Coy.	9
" Z " Coy.	6
" W " Coy.	3
" Y " Coy.	0

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The B.A.O.R. Team Boxing Championships were held at the Central Y.M.C.A. on Thursday and Friday, 19th and 20th March. The fighting throughout was clean and hard, and there were many first-class bouts.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and Fusiliers represented the Battalion :—

Catch-weight.—Fus. Chapman, " Y " Coy., 1 pt.

Light-Heavy-weight.—Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart, " Z " Coy., 1 pt. × 2 byes.

Middle-weight.—Fus. Stockton, " Y " Coy., 5 pts. × 2 byes.

Welter-weight.—Lce.-Cpl. Roper, " Y " Coy., 5 pts. × 2 byes.

Light-weight.—Fus. Vinton, " W " Coy., 1 pt. × 2 byes.

Feather-weight.—Fus. Farthing, " X " Coy., 1 pt.

Bantam-weight.—Lce.-Cpl. Brough, " X " Coy., 3 pts.

Fly-weight.—Nil. Bdsmn. Anderson being unable to weigh in light enough.

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The team put up some splendid fights, but we were unfortunate in the 1st Series in drawing the eventual finalists in three cases.

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Special mention must be made of Fus. Stockton and Lce.-Cpl. Roper, who were each beaten in the final of their weights, after doing very well all through the competition, and each collected 7 points.

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Final placing of the teams were as under :—

		Points.
1.	York and Lancaster Regt.	40
2.	Manchester Regt.	34
3.	Royal Ulster Rifles	34
4.	K.S.L.I.	31
5.	Cameron Highlanders	27
6.	R.A.S.C.	27
7.	5th Fusiliers	25
8.	King's Dragoon Guards	21
9.	43rd Light Infantry	16
10.	West Yorkshire Regt.	14

Under the Rules of the Competition the Manchester Regt. were officially placed as Runners-up by reason of their having more men in the finals. We congratulate the York and Lancaster Regt. on the very fine performance of their team, which is a very well balanced team without a weak man.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

March, 1925.

On the 4th of this month there was great jollity on the Barrack Square. This took the form of a football match between two teams from the Sergeants' Mess.

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They were known as the "Over Fifteens" and the "Under Fifteens," respectively, and great was the excitement over the result thereof.

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The "Over Fifteens" turned out quite respectably in the orthodox football regalia; while the others were . . . well, yes !—they were indeed.

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The dress of the "Under Fifteens" was very varied, and in some cases like unto Joseph's coat.

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There was a Parson, who, strange to say, appeared to have looked upon the wine when 'twas crimson.

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There were ladies, too, and they *were* two beauties too.

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Sgt. Curtis performed as Sally-in-our-Alley; while Sgt. Brown was a very personification of a buxom country wench.

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They played at outside left and outside right respectively, and couldn't they run ! Tishy wasn't in it at all.

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Sgt. Phillips obliged in goal, and looked like a retired General. He was very tastefully attired in a red coat, white trousers and a pair of cricket pads.

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Nuff sed ! ! He let 4 goals through.

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There was Greaves and Croft as old tramps two, Blakey as a Coster gay, Crawley as a Passing Day.

To please them all and let them score, the game would have to last all day.

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C.S.M. Dipper as a Chocolate Soldier was absolutely IT; while Mac, alas and alack ! His was the most weird get-up one ever did see.

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He was a strange mixture. His shapely limbs were encased in stockings of a sea-green hue with carbuncles attached. He also wore a lovely white coat clasped at the waist by a studded belt tastefully hung with brushes and combs and a razor strop.

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But enough of this.

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Let us turn to the "Over Fifteens"—these veterans who have turned grey (?) in the service of their King and Country.

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R.Q.M.S. Ambury, C.S.M. (Knobby) Clarke, and Sergt. (Spud) Murphy made a very formidable defence. Spud had one boot on and one off.

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Said he could kick the ball better that way !

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And the Wood Merchant—the Pioneer Fellah ! ! He scored a most wonderful goal almost direct from the corner flag. What luck ! !

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His other half, the Noble Mender of Boots, ably carried the duties of the referee by taking all free kicks himself and doing generally just what he liked.

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During the month we have had another Billiard Tournament (Flying). Suffice to say, those who won last time just about won again.

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Our life at present is one great run of tournaments—billiards, snooker, and as far as the Younger Brother of the Watcroft Bros. is concerned, attempted shooting with "M" guns at Delbruch.

ODE TO CREEP.

There's a dark-haired, cheeky scoundrel
To the west of Marienburgh.
There's a little Sergeants' Mess below the town,
There's a dining-room upon the lowest floor I must urge,
Where the cheeky one for ever sitteth down.

Now his name was Crawley-Creep—
Entertaining when asleep,
And a bigger tantaliser, I may say,
'Twould be very hard to find,
Look you Forward or Behind,
Look you Eastward, look you Westward, where you may.

Once we tied him to a post—
Longish rope : ten yards at most—
And to see his helplessness was goodly fare ;
Then we filled him up with jam,
First "Sehr Schnell" and then "Langsam,"
Till his sweetest tooth was bellowing "Nicht mehr."

'Twas the only way to teach him :
Oft we'ed ask him, oft beseech him
To refrain from practical and foolish joking.
Now he's quiet and less active,
And to us much more attractive
Than in days when he our anger loved provoking.

There's a quiet, placid fellow
To the west of Marienburgh
There's a little Sergeants' Mess below the town,
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Where the placid one for ever sitteth down.

There's a dark, etc., etc.

A.H.M.

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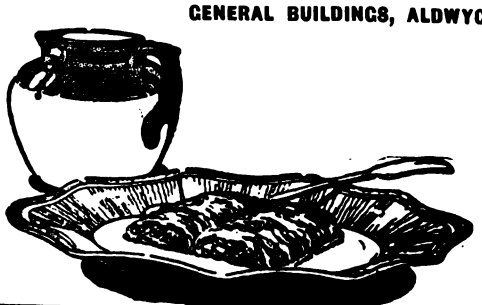

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We congratulate C.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Lewis on the birth of a baby girl (Winifred), born on the 26th February, 1925. Both mother and child are doing well. (Also father).

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We are sorry to report that Sergt. Swain is still in Hospital, looking more yellow than ever, but nevertheless doing well.

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We have had a visit from Sergt. Byrne, who was on Conducting Duty from the Regimental Depôt.

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Needless to say, the bar receipts rose considerably during this period. But NUFF SED !

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In addition to the ravages of yellow jaundice, there is a very *green* feeling permeating the Mess.

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Rumours are rife as to the next station.

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Some have it that it is THERE. Others that it is WHERE.

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Herr Karlin was heard to remark that he would rather die.

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Of course, it naturally follows that he made other remarks as well.

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There has been much studying of maps, with very dismal faces as the result.

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However, one must follow a famous dictum, and "Wait and see ! "

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.

FYZABAD,

18th February, 1925.

Events have been rather crowded in the past month, in order to have teams ready for the Brigade Competitions which begin next week.

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At the end of January the signallers under Lieut. Martin, who had been away at Meerut and on manœuvres since October, rejoined, and the Battalion was assembled complete for the first time since the beginning of the last Hill season.

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The Inter Company Boxing Competition was fought on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th February. After a very close struggle between "B" and "D" Companies, the trophy was finally won by the former by 1 point.

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Major Hume Wright, 11/7th Rajput Regiment, kindly acted as referee, and Mr. Shearburn of the Royal 9th Battery assisted Mr. Martin and Mr. Maynard as judges. A full account of the competition is given elsewhere.

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The Regimental Rifle Meeting, Inter-Company Competition, was won by "D" Company with 70½ points, closely followed by "B" Coy with 69½ points.

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No. 15 Platoon of "D" Company made the excellent score of 474 points in the Regimental Buksh Elahie Competition, all targets being hit.

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The Commanding Officer won the aggregate for Officers' competitions at 300 (rapid), 400 (rapid) and 500 yds. (slow), with scores of 16, 11 and 19, tying for second place in the best aggregate for all classes with Lce.-Cpl. White of "C" Coy.

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"C" Company won the Cross Country race on 28th January with a very low score of 400 points. "B" Company was next with 1,006 points. "C" Company has won every year since the Great War. Fus. Veitch, "C" Company, was first home in 16¾ minutes for the three miles, followed by Cpl. Moran, also of "C" Company.

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The Inter-Company Soccer League was won by "A" Company on goal average from "C" Company with 6 points each, and considerable progress has been made in the Inter-Company Hockey and Cricket competitions.

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Capt. and Mrs. Baxter and Peter joined during January, on completion of the former's tour of duty at the Regimental Depôt.

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It is good news that District Headquarters have arranged that the moves to the hills of the 1st Hill Party and married families will not take place until after St. George's Day.

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In spite of heavy rains last autumn which left the duck a wide choice of feeding grounds, bags during the last month have been heavy. A party of 8, including 2 officers of the Royal 9th Battery R.F.A., collected 278 birds, including 5 peacocks, in 1½ days' shoot; whilst the Commanding Officer and Capt. Hogshaw, who were shooting with the Deputy Commissioner's party, report 177 birds for 6 guns.

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Captain Hogshaw and Mr. Flower have recently joined the select company of Comrades of the Most Noble Order of the Bath (Jhil boat class, India). We understand that Grimley, who recently received promotion in the Order, is so fired by Captain Hogshaw's agility in keeping his cap and gun dry, that he is paying special attention to this subject in his P.T. course at Ambala.

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Major Pennefather, R.A.M.C., shot a white jack snipe at

ARRIVALS WITH OUR LAST DRAFT.

Parbati Jhil on 28th January. A white snipe is our record. but we have never heard before of a white jack snipe.

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The hot weather bird has arrived, so it is feared that the delightfully cool days which we have had during the past fortnight will not last much longer.

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A boxing team under Lieut. Martin and the Regimental Polo Side—Col. Sandilands, Capt. Hogshaw, Lieuts. Ingledew and Fryer—left for the Lucknow Subsidiary Tournament after the Regmential Sports on 12th February.

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Owing to manœuvres the team is rather short of practice, but a practice game was arranged at Lucknow. On Sunday a wire from the Colonel gave us the welcome news that we had beaten the "Remnants" 4—3 in the 2nd round. The FIFTH started with a handicap of 2 goals. On Monday the final of the Subsidiary Tournament was played against the 15th Lancers "B" Team. The team started level on handicap and the FIFTH won after a good game by 3 goals to 2. The FIFTH scored twice in the first chukker.

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Olver's camp photos, some of which accompany these notes, are excellent, but we fear that the best are too faint for reproduction.

THE INTER-COMPANY BOXING.

(By "TALLFELLER.")

The Inter-Company Boxing took place on 2nd, 3rd and 4th February, and produced the same keen contests as have marked previous years' meetings. The championship revolved itself into a very close thing and was left to the last fight of the whole sessions before definitely going to "B" Company, who triumphed by 1 point over "D" Company.

To Major F. Hume-Wright, 11/7th Rajput Regt., who officiated as referee, and to Lieut. E. O. Martin, Lieut. Maynard and Lieut. T. Sherburn, of the 9th Battery R.F.A., who acted as judges, our thanks are due.

Several excellent fights marked the opening night's programme. Chief amongst these was a fine, hard hitting contest between Fus. Barker, "C" Coy., and a/Dmr. Antcliffe, "D" Coy. Both took heavy punishment. Antcliffe was eventually stunned by a terrific right to the head in the 2nd round, and was given out by the referee. Barker dislocated his thumb with this effort and took no further part in the tournament.

A recent Hart Medalist, Fus. Hawkins, of "A" Coy., was not quite good enough for Cpl. Moran, who fought with much of his old-time cleverness, and was a comfortable winner on points.

Fus. Mellis, "B" Coy., fought a typical contest with Lce.-Cpl. Palmer, "D" Coy., the eventual winner of the Middle Weight Competition. Only experience saved Palmer, for Mellis was continually on the aggressive and fought with tenacity from beginning to end. A number of smart lefts to the point had no effect upon the novice. Mellis was gifted with a wonderful determination to win, and was applauded as a good loser at the finish.

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The second night's programme saw more good fights. In the second series Light-weights, Lce.-Cpl. Jacobs, "C" Coy., beat Fus. Turner, "A" Coy., chiefly by reason of a longer

reach. Jacobs boxed beautifully, however, and was good value for his win.

In the Fly-weight contests, Fus. Hosker, "D" Coy., and Fus.

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Milburn, " A " Coy., provided a number of thrills. Hosker

PINNACLE POINT, RANIKHET, U.P.

was clever, and managing in most cases to land two to his opponent's one, he was a comfortable winner.

In the second series Middle-weights two excellent contests were witnessed. Cunningham, " D " Coy., and Killen, " C " Coy., exchanged very heavy blows. Cunningham with a long left lead piled up a number of points, but in the close fighting Killen was very effective. There was little to choose between the contestants, and both appeared to have exhausted themselves at the finish. Cunningham got the verdict.

Another good contest between Fus. Stephenson, " B " Coy., a recent Hart Medalist, and Fus. Veitch, " C " Coy., roused all to a high pitch of enthusiasm.

In the second series Catch-weight a very fine contest between two novices, Fus. Crinson and Fus. Summerside, both of " D " Coy., produced a whirl of applause, and was the subject of a special commendation by the Commanding Officer, who recorded that they appeared much below the weight but fought with a spirit which was characteristic of the class of men which the Regiment wanted. Both men were of the last joined draft and were an excellent example of the good stock which the Regiment has at hand.

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The Semi-Finals and Finals occupied the whole of the third evening. In the Bantam-weight Semi-Final, Anderson, of H.Q. Wing, by reason of quick footwork and rapid half-arm blows, defeated Malone, of " D " Coy., on points. The latter, however, was not lacking in pluck and forced Anderson to fight for the full 3 rounds.

Dodds, " C " Coy., quickly disposed of Clark, " B " Coy., in the 1st round.

The Light-weight Semi-Finals produced some fine boxing. The contest between Lce.-Cpl. Jacobs, " C " Coy., and Fus. Phillips, " D " Coy., was one of the best of the whole sessions. Phillips bled very profusely from the first round, and Jacobs with a long reach played particularly upon the point. Phillips was very aggressive and closed repeatedly to deliver many hard blows. Fighting his opponent against the ropes, he landed with great force. Jacobs retaliated with hard jabs. It was a great struggle, and when Phillips got the verdict it was the reward of persistent fighting under a great handicap against a very fine boxer. They were three of the hardest and most terrific rounds we have seen for a long while.

Cpl. Boon, " B " Coy., and Fus. Fawcett, H.Q., produced another hard-hitting contest. Boon had a very useful left, but Fawcett shook him several times with hard rights to the head. Fawcett gained the verdict on points.

In the Welter-weight Semi-Finals, Hornsby, of H.Q. Wing, being the cleverer boxer outpointed Carter of " B " Coy., but the fight between Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, " B " Coy., and Fus. Lawson, " C " Coy., was a close thing. Catterick relied on his long reach to get points. Lawson left his body very much open, and although there appeared to be no sting behind Catterick's long lefts, they kept turning up on the lower part of the body and gave him the verdict at the finish. Had Lawson adopted a better guard he might possibly have beaten his more experienced opponent. As it was he fought consistently well and appeared little disturbed at the finish.

Lce.-Cpl. Palmer received a walk-over in the Middles Semi-Final. Fus. Cunningham, " D " Coy., and Fus. Stephenson, " B " Coy., having previously met in the Hart Medals Final in

PURA GUMTI CAMP.

camp, when Stephenson won, again confronted each other for the Semi-Final contest in the Middle-weight Competition. The

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bout went the full three rounds. As before, Stephenson scored mostly at infighting. Cunningham was down several times, but with his usual pluck he fought his opponent in determined fashion. Both landed some very hard blows to the head, and although Cunningham was tired at the finish he was little behind on points.

Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock was much too good for Summerside, of "D" Coy., in the Catch-weight Semi-Final; whilst Hayton, of "A" Coy., also quickly disposed of Bishop, of "C" Coy.

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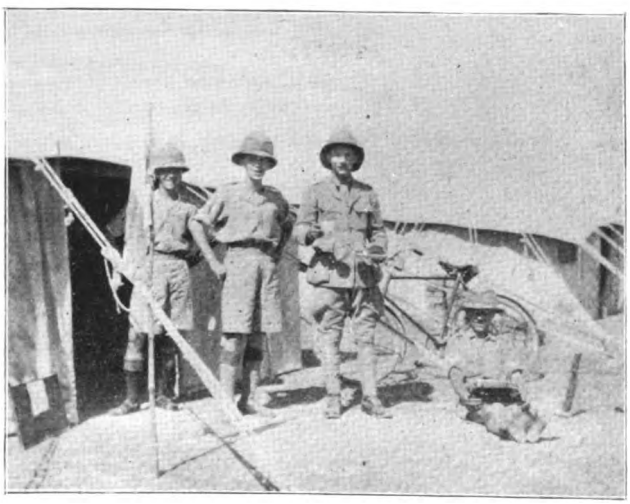
The Finals were staged after the interval.

Buckle, of "B" Coy., was no match for Hosker, "D" Coy., in the Fly-weight Final. Hosker disposed of his opponent with a beautiful right to the head in the second round after a clever display in the first round on the easiest way to avoid punishment.

Anderson, of H.Q. Wing, was much too good for Dodds, "C" Coy., in the Bantam-weight Final. Dodds was not nearly



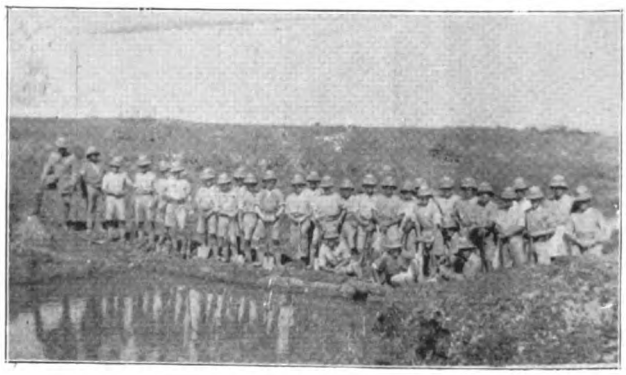
"B" COY. HEADQUARTERS. CAMP, PURA GUMTI.

quick enough and Anderson rained in lightning blows with both hands. Anderson won.

In the Feather-weights, Cpl. Moran, "C" Coy., beat Lce.-Cpl. Alder, H.Q., by good boxing. Closing at the right moment, mostly after he had delivered hard blows, he left his opponent little chance of a return. Alder was eventually beaten in the 3rd round.

A hard-hitting contest in the Lights left Phillips, "D" Coy., a good winner. Both men had had hard contests before the interval. Fawcett appeared to be content to await an opening for his vicious right swing. Though he tried repeatedly to land, he was mostly short of the mark, and in return took heavy punishment from Phillips as the latter swerved in at close quarters. Phillips, with the effect of his fight earlier in the evening, presented a rather bloody picture before the first round had gone far. He was strong, however, and always on the aggressive; he landed often, and won nicely on points against a tough opponent.

The Middle-weight Final saw more good boxing. Stephenson, having been fully extended by Cunningham, was not so fresh as Lce.-Cpl. Palmer. He endeavoured to force the fighting against a very fine defensive boxer, and in consequence Palmer, by a clever body swerve, caused his opponent to miss repeatedly.



BRIDGE BUILDING AT CAMP. PURA GUMTI.

At the same time Palmer always managed to land flush on the face with the left. At infighting Palmer held his own, and as Stephenson lost his persistency in the third round Palmer was left with a comfortable lead and was a good winner on points.

Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock found a tough fighter in Fus. Hayton, of "A" Coy. Whitelock has never been seriously extended before in any Battalion Boxing Meeting, but was made to fight hard on this occasion. Whitelock hit terrifically hard with both hands, but it appeared to make little impression on Hayton. He changed his tactics and boxed for points in the second round and scored almost at will. Hayton, however, shook Whitelock with a blow to the jaw. In the third round Whitelock, still very strong and boxing finely, followed up a hard left with a right straight to the point, which put Hayton down for the count.

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The last fight of the tournament, and on which rested the Company Championship, was the Welter-weight Final. Excitement was intense, but the first blow settled the eventual destination of the Cup. Hornsby, of H.Q. Wing, whom it was confidently expected would press Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, of "B" Coy. to a close fight, succumbed in less than 15 seconds. It appears

TRENCH DIGGING AT CAMP. PURA GUMTI.

that Hornsby hurt his head when he fell to the boards and was unable to rise,

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Thus " B " Coy. won the Cup, with " D " Coy. a very good second. At the conclusion the Commanding Officer distributed the Cups and Medals to the winning teams, and in a speech he told us how last year he had been away when the Inter-Company Boxing took place, but nevertheless he had heard all about it. In the first place the Officer Commanding " C " Company wrote and told him how his Company had won, and in addition the Officers Commanding the other Companies had written to tell him how their Companies should have won, but hadn't.

This year the keenness was just the same, and one of the most important points by which he emphasised this was the hard fighting which took place when men of the same Company met each other in the Ring.

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RESULTS.

Fly-weight.

1st Series.—Fus. Milburn (" A ") beat Sergt. Rice (" B ") on points.

Semi-Final.—Fus. Hosker (" D ") beat Fus. Milburn (" A ") on points ; Fus. Buckle (" B ") beat Fus. McMullen (" D ") in first round.

Final.—Fus. Hosker (" D ") beat Fus. Buckle (" B ") in second round.

DIGGING. PURA GUMTI CAMP.

Bantam-weights.

1st Series.—Fus. Dodds (" C ") beat Fus. Cain (" B ") in first round ; Fus. Clarke (" B ") beat Lce.-Cpl. Leatherland (" D ") on points.

Semi-Final.—Fus. Anderson (H.Q.) beat Fus. Malone (" D ") on points ; Fus. Dodds (" C ") beat Fus. Clark (" B ") in first round.

Final.—Fus. Anderson (H.Q.) beat Fus. Dodds (" C ") in second round.

Feather-weight.

1st Series.—Cpl. Moran (" C ") beat Fus. Hawkins (" A ") on points ; Fus. Barker (" C ") beat a/Dmr. Antcliffe (" D ") in second round ; Lce.-Cpl. Alder (H.Q.) beat Fus. Pratt (" B ") on points ; Fus. Bird (" D ") beat Lce.-Cpl. O'Rourke (" B ") on points.

Semi-Final.—Cpl. Moran (" C ") beat Fus. Bird (" D ") in first round ; Lce.-Cpl. Alder (H.Q.) beat Fus. Barker (" C ")—scratched on medical grounds.

Final.—Cpl. Moran (" C ") beat Lce.-Cpl. Alder (H.Q.) in third round.

Light-weight.

1st Series.—Fus. Fawcett (H.Q.) beat Fus. Fraser (" C ") on points ; Lce.-Cpl. Allan (H.Q.) beat Fus. Robinson (" D ") on points.

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2nd Series.—Fus. Boon (" B ") beat Fus. Wood (" B ") on points ; Fus. Fawcett (H.Q.) beat Lce.-Cpl. Allan (H.Q.) on points ; Fus. Phillips (" D ") beat Fus. Briggs (" A ") in second round ; Lce.-Cpl. Jacobs (" C ") beat Fus. Turner (" A ") on points.

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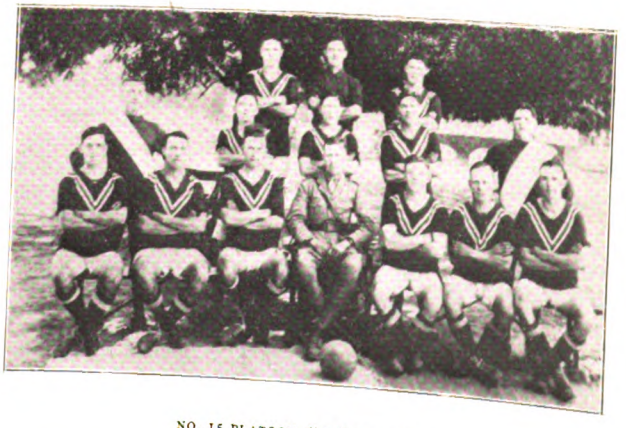

NO. 15 PLATOON, " D " COMPANY.

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Seated.—Fus. W. Lycett, Fus. C. Wild, Cpl. W. Edgar, Fus. J. Brooks (Capt.), Sgt. W. Merrin, Lce.-Cpl R. Smith, Lieut. Flower.

Final.—Fus. Phillips (" D ") beat Fus. Fawcett (H.Q.) on points.

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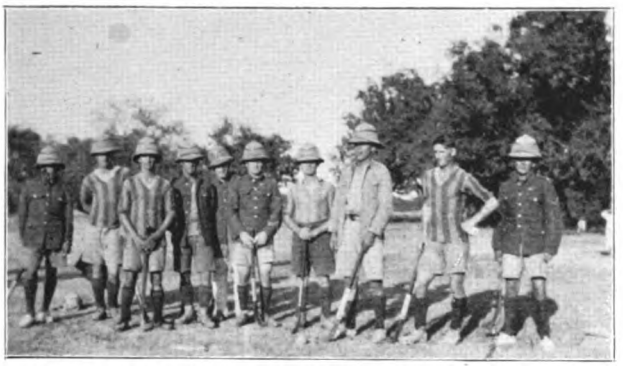
Welter-weights.

1st Series.—Fus. Lawson (" C ") beat Fus. Rutter (" D ") in



third round ; Fus. Graham (" C ") beat Fus. Farley (" A ") on points.

2nd Series.—Lce.-Cpl. Hornsby (H.Q.) beat Fus. Walden (" A ") on points ; Fus. Carter (" B ") beat Fus. Smith (" D ") in first round ; Lce.-Cpl. Catterick (" B ") beat Fus. Bloomfield (H.Q.) in first round ; Fus. Lawson (" C ") beat Fus. Graham (" C ") in second round.

Semi-Final.—Lce.-Cpl. Hornsby (H.Q.) beat Fus. Carter (" B ") on points ; Lce.-Cpl. Catterick (" B ") beat Fus. Lawson (" C ") on points.

Final.—Lce.-Cpl. Catterick (" B ") beat Lce-Cpl. Hornsby (H.Q.) in first round.

Middle-weight.

1st Series.—Lce.-Cpl. Palmer (" D ") beat Fus. Mellis (" B ") on points ; Fus. Hazeltine (H.Q.) beat Fus. Wilson (" A ") on points.

2nd Series.—Fus. Cunningham (" D ") beat Fus. Kileen (" C ") on points ; Fus. Stephenson (" B ") beat Fus. Veitch (" C ") on points.

Semi-Final.—Lce.-Cpl. Palmer (" D ") beat Fus. Hazeltine (H.Q.)—scratched on medical grounds ; Fus. Stephenson (" B ") beat Fus. Cunningham (" D ") on points.

Final.—Lce.-Cpl. Palmer (" D ") beat Fus. Stephenson (" B ") on points.

Catch-weight.

1st Series.—Fus. Hayton (" A ") beat Fus. Redford (" C ") in first round ; Fus. Bishop (" C ") beat Fus. Monarch (" A ") on points.

2nd Series.—Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock (" B ") beat Fus. Overend (" B ") in first round ; Fus. Summerside (" D ") beat Fus. Crinson (" D ") on points.

Semi-Final.—Fus. Hayton (" A ") beat Fus. Bishop (" C ") in second round ; Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock (" B ") beat Fus. Summerside (" D ") in first round.

Final.—Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock (" B ") beat Fus. Hayton (" A ") in third round.

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Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1st, Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock, " B " Coy., 103 yds., 2 ft. 1in. ; 2nd, Sgt. Salt, " C " Coy. ; 3rd, Fus. Kidd, " A " Coy.

Hurdles.—1st, Lce.-Cpl. Bland, " A " Coy., 19 secs. ; 2nd, Fus. Burns, H.Q. Wing ; 3rd, Lce.-Cpl. Bell, H.Q. Wing.

880 *Open I.O.R.'s*—1st, Naik Mohammed Hayt, 1/9th Jat. Regt. ; 2nd, L/Nk. Faiz Mohammed, 1/9th Jat. Regt. ; 3rd, Sepoy Mohammed Deen, 1/9th Jat. Regt.

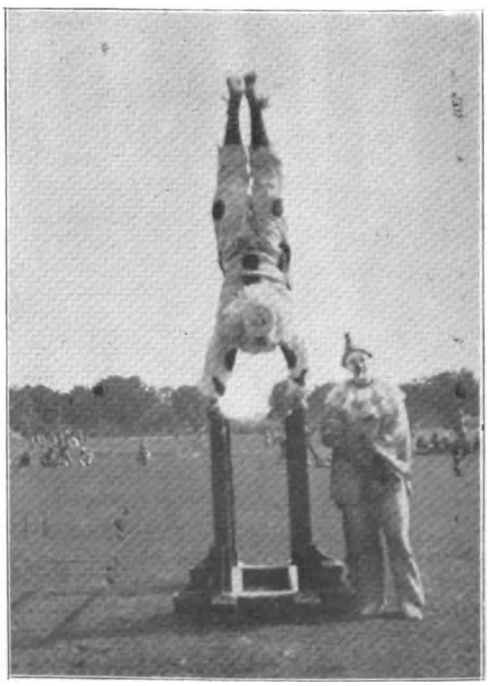
880 *Open B.O.R.'s*—1st, Sgt. Wood, " B " Coy. ; 2nd Sgt. Rice, " B " Coy.

Tug-of-War.—1st Team, " C " Company ; 2nd Team, " D " Company.

Relay, " A " Team.—1st Team, " A " Company ; 2nd Team, " C " Company.

Relay, " B " Team.—1st Team, " A " Company ; 2nd Team, " D " Company.

Putting the Shot.—1st, Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock, " B " Company,



FUS. MURPHY AND FUS. BIRNIE, FANCY FAIR CLOWNS, DEC., 1924.

33 yds. 3 in. ; 2nd, Fus. Redforth, " C " Coy. ; 3rd, Fus. Beck, " C " Coy.

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Long Jump (Indian).—1st Sepoy Udayrat Singh, H.Q. Wing; 2nd, Naik Amrit Singh, H.Q. Wing; 3rd, Sepoy Guzrat Singh, H.Q. Wing.

100 *Yards (Indian).*—1st Sepoy Gajrat Singh, H.Q. Wing; 2nd, Sepoy Udayraj Singh, H.Q. Wing; 3rd, Hav. Bhagwan Singh, H.Q. Wing.

440 *Yards (Indian).*—1st, Sepoy Jairam Singh, H.Q. Wing; 2nd, Naik Amrit Singh, H.Q. Wing; 3rd, Sepoy Udayrat, H.Q. Wing.

Best Athlete.—Cpl. Dickenson, "A" Company.

Champion Company.—"A" Company.

POINTS.

"A" Company	36	"C" Company	28
"B" Company	10	"D" Company ..	9
H.Q. Wing	4		

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

One Thursday early morn we engaged in a Rifle Shoot with the United Provinces Light Horse and proved ourselves good victors by a margin of 76 points. We were very hospitably entertained by our friends, who included the Inspector of Police, Mr. Farrant, assisted by his good lady.

TABLE OF SCORES.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Name.	200 yds.	300 yds.	300 rapid	Total.
C.S.M. Beck	19	16	28	63
O.R.Q.M.S. Atkinson	16	16	25	57
C.Q.M.S. Bellamy	16	15	26	57
C.S.M. Moon	17	17	20	54
C.S.M. Tyrrell	14	11	27	52
W.O. Murdock	20	14	14	48
Total				331

U.P. LIGHT HORSE.

Name.	200 yds.	300 yds.	300 rapid.	Total.
S.S.I. Castleton	17	12	23	52
Trooper Jahans	17	13	13	43
Sergt. Farrant	15	10	17	42
Trooper Burns	9	11	20	40
S.S.I. Groves	9	13	17	39
Trooper Douglas	14	8	17	39
Total				255

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Sgt. Ashton has passed the Small Arms School, Scutari, and is now fully pledged with both Musketry and P.T. Certificates.

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Sgt. Rice turned up in the first six home in the Battalion Cross-Country Run. His points obtained in the Inter-Company Boxing was of invaluable help to his Company in winning the Boxing Cup. He put up a good show for a novice and, although behind in the finer points, he was not lacking in pluck.

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Sgt. Higgins has departed for Belgaum, and hopes to return from the School with the mathematical solution to the endless "noughts and crosses" puzzle, or a convenient scheme for the systematic working and spontaneous local success of the great national game of "Phat."

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Sgt. Ingham sails for U.K. on posting to the 1st Battalion on 24th February. He has been with the Battalion since its departure from England in 1919. Both Mrs. Ingham and he carry away our best wishes for success in the future.

Our "At Home" on the Regimental Sports Meeting was one of those happy functions which are so few these times. Our alfresco artistes, who performed with the trays, were the most obliging set of young fellows with a gait quite eclipsing anything we have seen, even at the world-renowned establishment of "Maison Lyons."

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Congratulations to Sgt. Wood on winning the Open Half-Mile, and to C.S.M. Tyrell on the success of his Tug-of-war Team. The latter has now been entrusted with the training of the Battalion Tug-of-war side. Such is the price of fame.

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Whilst we have not succeeded in eclipsing the efforts of the 1st Battalion Mess, we certainly have a prize-winner amongst the latest babies on show in the Mess. Master Fred Davis was acclaimed a wonderful boy on the Regimental Fancy Fair and Baby Show, and carried off the honours for the Mess.

REGIMENTAL RIFLE MEETING, 1925.

RESULTS.

COMPETITION No. 1. CLASS No. 1.

Range 300 yds.

Rank and Name.	Place.	Company.	Score.	Points for Company.	Prize awarded. Rs. a.
Fus. Marston	1st	"D"	21	6	10 0
Fus. Morfitt	2nd	"D"	16	4½	6 0
Fus. Philipps	2nd	"D"	16	4½	6 0
Lce.-Cpl. Wilshaw ..	3rd	"B"	13	1½	1 5
Lce.-Cpl. Russell	3rd	"C"	13	1½	1 5
Bdmn. Trower	3rd	H.Q.	13	1½	1 5
CLASS No. II.					
Lce.-Cpl. Brown	1st	"B"	23	6	8 0
Fus. Igo	2nd	"A"	20	5	5 0
Fus Kennedy	3rd	"B"	19	4	4 0
Cpl. Moran	4th	"C"	15	3	2 0
Lce.-Cpl. Rogers	5th	"C"	14	2	1 0
CLASS No III.					
Lce.-Sgt. Brown	1st	"D"	18	6	10 0
Sgt. Rice	2nd	"B"	13	5	6 0
Sgt. Grace	3rd	"A"	11	4	4 0
CLASS No. IV.					
Lt.-Col. Sandilands ..	1st	H.Q.	16	6	
Major Foster	2nd	"B"	10	5	
Lieut. McLean	3rd	"A"	9	4	
CLASS No. V.					
Ram Deo Singh	1st	—	16	—	3 0
Subadar Pirthipal Singh ..	2nd	—	14	—	2 0
Sepoy Putta	3rd	—	13	—	1 0

RIFLE SECTION COMPETITION.

	Place.	Company.	Score.	Points.	
No. 14 Section	2nd	"D"	5	—	Rs. 21 for team
No. 2 Section		"D"	5	—	
No. 3 Section		"D"	9	—	
No. 1 Section		"D"	7	—	
			—	—	
			26	20	
			—	—	
No. 6 Section	3rd	"B"	8	—	Rs. 7 for team
No. 9 Section		"B"	5	—	
No. 1 Section		"B"	7	—	
No. 13 Section		"B"	5	—	
			—	—	
			25	15	
			—	—	

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Band	3rd	H.Q.	1	—	Rs. 7 for team	
M.G. 1		H.Q.	7	—		
Drums		H.Q.	6	—		
M.G. 2		H.Q.	8	—		
			—	—		
			22	10		
			—	—		
No. 6 Section	1st	"A"	10	—	Rs. 35 for team	
No. 11 Section		"A"	5	—		
No. 2 Section		"A"	4	—		
No. 14 Section		"A"	2	—		
			—	—		
			21	5		
			—	—		
No. 15 Section	—	"C"	6	—		
No. 5 Section	—	"C"	5	—		
No. 9 Section	—	"C"	6	—		
No. 2 Section	—	"C"	3	—		
			—	—		
			20	nil		
			—	—		

POINTS TOWARDS COMPANY CHAMPIONSHIP.

(1ST DAY.)

	"A" Coy.	"B" Coy.	"C" Coy.	"D" Coy.	H.Q. Coy.	Total
Class 1	–	1½	1½	15	1½	19½
Class 2	5	10	5	–	–	20
Class 3	4	5	–	6	–	15
Class 4	4	5	–	–	6	15
Rifle Section Competition	5	15	–	20	10	50
	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	18	36½	6½	41	17½	119½
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COMPETITION No. 2. CLASS No. I.

Range 400 yds.

Rank and Name.	Place.	Company.	Score.	Points for Company.	Prize awarded. Rs. a.
Bdmn. Trower	1st	H.Q.	15	5½	8 8
Lce.-Cpl. White	1st	"C"	15	5½	8 8
Fus. Phillips	2nd	"D"	13	4	5 0
Fus. Donner	3rd	"B"	12	2½	2 0
Lce.-Cpl. Burrell	3rd	"A"	12	2½	2 0

CLASS II.

Lce.-Cpl. Thompson ..	1st	"B"	15	6	8 0
Fus. Alderson	2nd	"A"	14	5	5 0
Fus. Hackworth	3rd	H.Q.	13	3½	3 0
Fus. Hastie	3rd	"D"	13	3½	3 0
Cpl. Young	4th	"D"	12	2	1 0

CLASS No. III.

C.S.M. Tyrrell	1st	"C"	16	6	10 0
Lce.-Sgt. Holmes ..	2nd	H.Q.	14	5	6 0
Sergt. Fellows	3rd	"B"	12	4	4 0

CLASS No. IV.

2nd-Lieut. Flower ..	1st	"D"	14	6
2nd-Lieut. Vaughan ..	2nd	"B"	13	5
Capt Hogshaw	3rd	H.Q.	12	4

CLASS No. V.

Marsingh Singh	1st	—	14	—	3 0
Jarain Singh	2nd	—	8	—	2 0
Rama Gyan Singh ..	3rd	—	7	—	0 8
Ouida Singh	3rd	—	7	—	0 8

POINTS TOWARDS COMPANY CHAMPIONSHIP.

(*2nd Day.*)

	"A" Coy.	"B" Coy.	"C" Coy.	"D" Coy.	H.Q. Wing.
Brought forward from 1st day	18	36½	6½	41	17½
Class I.	2½	2½	5½	4	5½
Class II.	5	6	—	5½	3½
Class III.	—	4	6	—	5
Class IV.	—	5	—	6	4
	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ..	25½	54	18	56½	35½
	—	—	—	—	—

TEAM MATCHES, NOT COUNTING TOWARDS COMPANY CHAMPIONSHIP.

1. LEWIS GUN (SECTION) COMPETITION. *2nd Day.*

"A" Coy.		"B" Coy.		"C" Coy.		"D" Coy.	
Sect.	Pts.	Sect.	Pts.	Sect.	Pts.	Sect.	Pts.
4	nil	4	80	4	36	4	58
8	81	8	72	8	42	8	1
12	36	12	94*	12	38	12	80
16	2	16	26	16	72	16	8
	—		—		—		—
Total	119	Total	272	Total	188	Total	147
	—		—		—		—

* No. 12 Section, "B" Company, winners of A.R.A. Spoon and Badges.

2. MACHINE GUN (SUB-SECTION) COMPETITION. *2nd Day.*

M.G. No. 1 team	1st	46 points.	Rs. 20 for team.
M.G. No. 2 team.	2nd	36 points.	Rs. 12 for team.

3. BUKSH ELAHI (PLATOON) COMPETITION. *3rd Day.*

"B" Coy., No. 48 Platoon—76 hits × 3 = 228 points; deduct targets not hit, 4 × 12 = 48 points = 180 points.

"D" Coy., No. 15 Platoon*—158 hits × 3 = 474 points; deduct targets not hit, nil = 474 points.

"C" Coy., No. 10 Platoon—132 hits × 3 = 396 points; deduct targets not hit, nil = 396 points.

"A" Coy., No. 3 Platoon—96 hits × 3 = 288 points; deduct targets not hit, 2 × 12 = 24 points = 264 points.

* No. 15 Platoon, "D" Coy., winners of Cup for this event.

COMPETITION No. 3. CLASS No. I.

Range, 500 Yards.

Rank and Name.	Place.	Company.	Score.	Pts. for Company.	Prize awarded. Rs. a.
Lce.-Cpl. White	1st	"C"	20	6	10 0
Cpl. Richardson	2nd	"D"	16	3½	4 0
Lce-Cpl. Wilshaw ..	2nd	"B"	16	3½	4 0
Fus. Blakeman	2nd	"B"	16	3½	4 0
Fus. Roddam	2nd	"C"	16	3½	4 0

CLASS No. 2.

Fus. Woodhouse	1st	"A"	20	6	8 0
Fus. Maguire	2nd	"A"	18	4½	4 8
Fus. Humble	2nd	"B"	18	4½	4 8
Cpl. Fairley	3rd	"C"	16	2½	1 8
Lce.-Cpl. Stirling ..	3rd	"C"	16	2½	1 8

CLASS No. III.

C.S.M. Hodsell	1st	H.Q.	16	5½	8 0
Sergt. Ashton	1st	"D"	16	5½	8 0
R.Q.M.S. Atkinson ..	2nd	H.Q.	14	2	2 0
Lce.-Sgt. Fellows ..	2nd	"B"	14	2	2 0

CLASS No. IV.

Col. Sandilands	1st	H.Q.	19	6	
2nd-Lieut. Flower ..	2nd	"D"	16	5	
Major Foster	3rd	"B"	15	2	
Capt. Hogshaw	3rd	H.Q.	15	2	

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CLASS V.

Jarsingh Singh	1st	—	16	—	3 0
Subadar Pirthipal Singh ..	2nd	—	15	—	2 0
Hav. Bhagum Bux ..	3rd	—	14	—	1 0

POINTS TOWARDS COMPANY CHAMPIONSHIP.

(*3rd Day.*)

	"A" Coy.	"B" Coy.	"C" Coy.	"D" Coy.	H.Q. Wing.
Brought forward from 2nd day	25½	54	18	56½	35½
Class I.	—	7	9½	3½	—
Class II.	10½	4½	5	—	—
Class III.	—	2	—	5½	7½
Class IV.	—	2	—	5	8
Totals	36	69½	32½	70½*	51

* "D" Coy. winners of Rifle Meeting Championship Cup.

4. AGGREGATES.

CLASS I.

				Rs.
Best aggregate of 300, 400 and 500 yards	1st	Fus. Marston	"D" Coy.	15
	2nd	Lce.-Cpl. White	"C" Coy.	10
	3rd	Fus. Phillips	"D" Coy.	6

CLASS II.

Ditto	1st	Lce.-Cpl. Brown	"B" Coy.	10
	2nd	Fus. Richardson	"D" Coy.	6
	3rd	Fus. Kennedy	"B" Coy.	3

CLASS III.

Ditto	1st	Lce.-Sgt. Brown	"D" Coy.	15
	2nd	Sergt. Rice	"B" Coy.	10
		Lce.-Sgt. Fellows	"B" Coy.	6

CLASS IV.

Ditto	1st	Lt.-Col. H. R. Sandilands	
	2nd	Major O. B. Foster	
	3rd	2nd-Lieut. H. S. Flower	

AGGREGATE OF ALL FOUR CLASSES.

Best score for three days—Fus. Marston, "D" Coy., Regtl. Gold Centre Medal.
2nd best score for three days—Lt.-Col. H. R. Sandilands and Lce.-Cpl. White, "C" Coy., Regtl. Silver Medal.

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
24th March, 1925.

Our last week-end course for Territorial N.C.O.'s, held on the 28th and 29th, went off successfully, in spite of the weather, which forced us to alter the Sunday afternoon's programme. The outstanding "events" or "numbers" were the lecture by Capt. R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C., on Regimental History, the Battle Honours, and their connection with the Territorial Battalions; and the Company Drill Parade.

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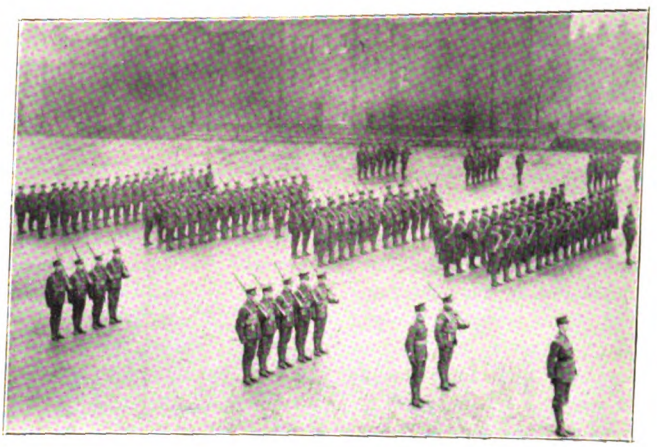
The former was appreciated by our visitors, since it brought home to them the intimate connection between Northumberland and the Regiment, which the war has made so strong and which seems so little realised by either; and the latter by ourselves, since it showed us what a magnificent physique the average Northumbrian possesses. The average height of the men on that parade must have been over 6 feet, and made us long still more than usual for the secret of attracting Northumbrians into their own Regiment. We suppose that life in the Army must appear a trifle too sheltered, to one who is accustomed to walk about on the Cheviots all day, in all weathers.

Lt.-Col. Hardman-Jones made his bi-annual Inspection of the Depôt on the 16th of last month. We were glad to see



INSPECTION BY LIEUT.-COL. HARDMAN-JONES. MARCH, 1925.
(*Photo by E. Gosman*).

him again, and to hear that Mrs. Hardman-Jones is recovering successfully. We beg to state, however, in contradiction to the 1st Battalion Notes, that no operation was, or ever has been, or ever will be, the result of a visit to this Depôt.

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To strengthen this assertion, we produce a photograph of the Depôt looking its best for a special occasion, with even the heavens on our side, laying the dust with one of those gentle showers of rain so appreciated in these sun-scorched latitudes. After the parade the Colonel gave away the Medals for our last inter-squad and inter-Depôt boxing tournaments, and explained briefly the significance of the Regimental Games Medal, which is an exact reproduction of our old "Order of Merit," and which was presented then for the first time at the Depôt. We heard with great satisfaction that the system has been adopted of

PRESENTATION OF BOXING MEDALS. MARCH, 1925.
(*Photo by E. Gosman*).

detailing a complete squad to a company, on its joining the Home Battalion, instead of splitting it up throughout all the

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companies as heretofore. Those of us who know the intense team spirit a squad has at the end of its training here, must feel glad that that spirit is not going to be broken up when the Squad leaves the Depôt.

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Cross-country running has broken out in a very virulent form. We have had an Inter-Squad run in which both Depôts competed, with a field of about 250 ; and there is a Depôt run every Wednesday.

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The Depôt Staff are to be congratulated on being the first team with 22 men home, and Fus. Bellwood for being first man home, in spite of the fact that he had had seven teeth pulled out in the morning. We must also mention the man who, while staggering along the Grand Stand Road with no other runner in sight either in front or behind, was tempted by Satan in the form of a man in a cart, but replied to his " Are ye wanting a lift, Hinny ? " with " Wai— can ye not see I'm oot for a run, man ? "

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Dull thuds and sounds of falling bodies come all day from the Gymnasium. The 68th are holding their quarterly boxing meeting, in preparation for our next struggle. We pass by, and resolve to produce still louder thuds when our inter-squad tournament takes place.

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CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

Inter-Depôt Squad run, 11th March.

Distance, 2½ miles. The position of the 22nd man home in a squad gave the position of the squad :—

1.	Depôt Staff, 5th Fusiliers	114
2.	Depôt Staff, 68th L.I.	142
3.	February Squad, 68th L.I.	178
4.	January Squad, 5th Fusiliers	213
5.	January Squad, 68th L.I.	216
6.	February Squad, 5th Fusiliers	217
7.	October Squad, 5th Fusiliers	236
8.	December Squad, 68th L.I.	
	November Squad, 68th L.I.	
	Training Cadre, 68th L.I.	

Fus. Bellwood, Oct. Squad, 5th Fus., 1 ; Mr. Forbes-Watson, Depôt Staff, 5th Fus., 2 ; Fus. Richardson, Depôt Staff, 5th Fus., 3 ; Pte. Brown, Feb. Squad, 68th L.I., 4 ; Pte. Hockey, Dec. Squad, 68th L.I., 5.

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Inter-Squad Run, 18th March. Distance, 3 miles.

The average position of each Squad was taken.

1.	January Squad	38
2.	February Squad	45
3.	October Squad	50
4.	March Squad	69

Fus. Bellwood, Oct. Squad, 1 ; Fus. Brett, Jan. Squad, 2 ; Fus. Graham, Feb. Squad, 3 ; Fus. Canvan, Jan. Squad, 4 ; Fus. McDonough, Oct. Squad, 5.

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FOOTBALL.—TYNESIDE WEDNESDAY LEAGUE.

At present we are second in the League, being a point behind Deckham, who have played two more matches than we have. We have only to beat Felling next Wednesday (at home) to win the League.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

HEXHAM,

24th March, 1925.

The month of March has been a satisfactory one in that a number of Recruits have swelled our ranks at Newburn. They appear to be of a very good stamp and of good physique, so that the half-hour of one of the Company's Training Programmes devoted to " Recruits' Mechanisms " seems hardly necessary ! We presume, however, that they are being " tuned up " for the strenuous training which is to occupy our spare time during the next three months.

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It is hoped that before our next month's notes appear in print, the new Drill Hall at Newburn will have been officially opened, and that Battalion Headquarters will have moved there from Hexham. Provisional arrangements have been made for the opening to be carried out by the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General Sir P. S. Wilkinson, on 24th April.

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Major Salt, the Command Education Officer, came to Newburn on 19th March, and gave us an extremely interesting lecture on " The Singapore Base." There was a very good attendance of officers and other ranks.

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We congratulate Captain G. L. Bradley on successfully passing Subject " C " for promotion.

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

The past month has seen the commencement of our drill season for the N.C.O. s and men who still earn the £5 bounty. Our numbers in this class are now only small, and therefore very small squads indeed have been on parade so far.

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Our season for the ordinary trained men commences on 1st April, and from then until 14th June we shall be really busy.

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We understand that Mr. Clark will again be with us before the end of this month, and we are looking forward to his assistance.

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Mr. Smith is still waiting to be gazetted, and we hope this will not take much longer. In any case he commences his duties next month, and from all appearances he should make a good soldier.

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The week-end trip made by fourteen of our W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and men to the Depôt about three weeks ago was very much enjoyed by all. They all seemed to be very much impressed by what they saw and their visit is sure to yield good results.

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Our C.S.M. has just returned from a 4 days' course at the Artillery School on Salisbury Plain. He thoroughly enjoyed it and saw some wonderful shooting.

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He suggests that the " Dragon " would be useful for carrying Company H.Q.'s during an advance across open ground.

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Perhaps he is thinking of how much beer, etc., could be got forward quickly !

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We have enlisted two recruits during the month.

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We are hoping that someone will soon discover how to keep the crease in a man's trousers, once it has been made. It seems to us that unless something else is discovered the best way will be to stitch it in place. We wonder what Q.M. will say when he gets our indent for flat irons ?

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We congratulate the Newburn contributor on his pictorial effort last month. We were always afraid that our secret would eventually be discovered !

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

Extracts from Part II. Orders—

Strength Increase :—4264056 Fus. W. Batey
4264057 Fus. J. R. Batey
4264090 Fus. J. A. Storey
} Taken on strength of Batt.

Also four other recruits not yet through orders.

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The following N.C.O.'s attended a very excellent week-end course at the Depôt from 28th February to 1st March :—Cpls. T. B. Hanking, R. Renwick, J. E. Renwick, G. W. Grant, M. Dunn, and Lce.-Cpl. J. Greenwood.

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There is no doubt but that a good impression was created on these N.C.O.'s, and on their return to their Drill Station they expressed great appreciation of the show that had been put up for them. The Depôt Adjutant's lecture was greatly enjoyed. We observed that certain friends of ours belonging to " Y " (Champion) Company also attended this week-end course, and rumour has it that they made their presence felt ! " Got that ? " (Sorry, Newburn.)

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We are sorry to see that " Y " (Champion) Company apparently take exception to term " our children's party." Surely this is just where they have something to learn, but when people are bitten by the uniformity craze you never know what to expect. Has anyone seen or heard anything of the " Chariot " of late ? If " Quack Mack " is going to steer it at Pwllheli (pronounced Pwithelly) we hope he will carry his Medical History Sheet and Conduct Sheets with him. The " Police Pulveriser " is not infallible, and at the moment has no knowledge of the Welsh civil police. We know that the Newburn artist is a very busy person, and the " uniformity " sketches must have occupied most of his leisure time. But we wish he had let us wear our sword frogs—also if he had included a C.Q.M.S. in each little group the result would have emphasised the " points he wanted bringing out." However, that's that.

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We were very pleased to see Capt. Chipper at our Hill Station the other day, and hope to see him again before he " proceeds " somewhere. At the same time the Sergeants' Mess wish to thank him for the very fine trophy he so kindly presented.

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Training has now commenced in real earnest, and it does one good to see some of the old faces again.

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It is rumoured that we are to have a brand new char-a-banc to assist us in discharging our pieces this year. We sincerely hope so, it is annoying to have to detail a fire piquet and salvage party every time one goes to the range.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

We commence these notes with the never-ceasing topic of interest, our new Drill Hall. Our hopes of its completion are now postponed until about the second week in April, but when we do get into it, we hope that all and sundry will come and rejoice with us, but the manner and extent of such rejoicing is not yet decided. We are fervently hoping to be able to march out of our new quarters on Sunday, 26th April, to a St. George's service at Newburn Parish Church.

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Congratulations to Mr. Gibson on his marriage.

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Recently a humorist was overheard to speak of " W " Coy. as the married Company, " X " Coy. as the bachelor Company, and H.Q. Wing as a bit of a mixed crowd. In a way this is rather apt, but whatever the particular merits of these conditions, we wish ourselves good luck in our respective environments.

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Mr. A. S. Todd now officially belongs to " X " Company, whereby No. 5 Platoon rejoices in a new C.-in-C.

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Our Winter Training Classes have come to an end. They were well attended, and great interest was displayed all round. The junior N.C.O.'s are to be specially commended on their keenness.

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On Sunday, 8th inst., all Company Classes participated in two tactical schemes, which caused great interest in the neighbourhood, many Street Corner Debating Societies being roused from their usual Sunday afternoon lethargy.

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Great excitement was caused by the payment of ration allowance for these schemes. The unfortunate feature of these disbursements is that officers only seem to get a boy's allowance

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At a recent very interesting and humorous lecture given at Newburn, we were all surprised to learn that the Pacific Ocean is so called because it is *not* pacific, and that apparently if it had not been called the Pacific, it would have been pacific. This is rather highbrow and somewhat complicated, but a comprehensive solution is manifest, if one only thinks of the affectionate inter-change of compliments from a man to his wife, and *vice-versa*, at the breakfast table. Wherefore, and in view of these remarks, do we say : " All hail, Mr. Euclid ! thou art but a novice after all."

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Special instructions are being issued to C.S.M. Mower, that he must be very careful in future, when enlisting recruits, to ascertain whether they are meat eaters or rice eaters.

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A suggestion for next Camp.

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The Foster Cup is a fine institution, it bucks up the troops and it gives restitution to the Company which has the best constitution for smartness.

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Winning the pot makes a great exhibition of troops in a perfectly trained condition, and undoubtedly makes for the strict prohibition of slackness.

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The winning of points is for work and for play—L.G. sports,

TYPICAL OFFICERS' PROMOTION BOARD OF EXAMINERS, 13TH CENTY

guards and equipment display: and the Company which makes the most points in this way wins the cup.

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But the great point of all, which has not been protruded, is enlisting recruits—a business concluded at Newburn and Prudhoe, and should be included for the cup.

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Just suppose there was given one point per recruit, and one less per man under strength, to refute, what a help it would be for recruiting repute. Tot-em-up.

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For the sixth time the Newburn Branch of the Captains' Confederation has met, and on this occasion they listened with interest to the following paper entitled "Military Boards." There are many kinds of Military Boards, but unless the broad scope of this term is understood, a certain amount of ambiguity exists. The common or garden type of Military Boards are:—Courts Martial, Boards of Enquiry, Promotion Boards of Examiners, Black Boards, and last but not least Pack Boards. The Court Martial is a very intricate proceeding, and consists of a board of officers who debate in secret on various crimes, ranging from "Starting a rebellion" to "Selling the plans of a fort." At these courts it is the prevailing custom for the junior member to have the pleasant duty of starting the ball rolling, in the verdict competition. The redeeming feature of a court martial is that the proceedings are usually inaccessible to the Sunday papers.

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In the case of Boards of Enquiry, simplicity is the keynote. A president and two members rejoice in reporting in triplicate the thoughts of the president regarding the problem in hand. Sometimes the senior member makes a tentative suggestion, but he is usually over-ruled. The junior member is invariably bursting with longing to be able to debate, and very often he inwardly concocts something weighty to say, but never has the courage to say it.

Next comes the Promotion Board of Examiners. These boards are formed of officers with very special qualifications, and great difficulty sometimes arises in the search for suitable examiners. Examining candidates for promotion is a fine game if played in the right spirit. The rules are simple, yet not easily defined, but the gist of them is this. The examiner must first of all ask a very ambiguous question on a very simple problem. The candidate must answer in a fairly comprehensive manner, yet not too clearly or decisively. This is very important, because if a very correct answer is given no opportunity arises for the examiner to blow off steam, which is desirable, as it puts the said examiner in a good humour for the next question or the next candidate. The next move is for the examiner to explain in simple language, to the candidate, what he might have done under some other circumstances entirely foreign to the problem under consideration. The main rule is that both examiner and candidate should give each other plenty of room for conjecture. This is called *esprit de corps*, or playing the game, and is an essential ingredient in the composition of training.

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Black Boards are boards coloured black, and are written on in white, usually with white chalk. They are mainly used for illustrating purposes, and seem to lend themselves to bad handwriting. Some people use them as notice boards, but intellectual people do not do this, as drawing pins have a tendency towards making holes, thus spoiling a good writing surface.

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Last, but not least, come the Pack Boards. These are best made from three-ply wood tea boxes, and are best made to the sizes of the pack, because they are used to put into the pack to give it a square appearance. Pack Boards are mostly used

INCIDENT AT A TACTICAL SCHEME.

by soldiers going on guard, or for the purpose of acquiring points towards pot-hunting.

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The Parable of Esaliar the Centurion.

Now it came to pass in the reign of the Emperor Grevillius that Esaliar, the son of Tosh the Fibite, a centurion of the 4th Legion, spake unto his subs. "Lo ! our men wax fat and lazy with much beer and little work. Let us bestir ourselves and go out into the fields and exercise them for a space." Now amongst the subs. was one called Haggis McHaggis, the son of Tavish the Haggis, who came from a Northern country, who liked not work ; and he made answer saying, " Yea, verily, we are of the same mind, but having many divers business to preform, peradventure it will be sufficient for our commander to be present at the exercising." Then that centurion, knowing the ways of subs., opened his mouth, saying : " Lo ! of all subs. thou hast waxed the fattest. Come thou with me, and I will make you sweat." And the subs. communed one with another apart, saying, " What shall we do about this think." He having pips to the number of three and we but three amongst us we are his to command, seemingly the time for the swinging of the lead is not yet come. Let us go with him, and so that we be numbered amongst the keen let our faces shine with the light of knowledge. Now at that time the 4th Legion was stationed on the Wall, and throughout the length of the Wall, builded well by Hadrian, were not to be found men of so stout a heart. And of all centienies was X. century the stoutest, and verily their Quartermaster-Sergeant was the stoutest of them all. Now Esaliar dwelt in his villa in the city which is called Nova Sactria, and his horse called by many by the name of Roger had fallen sick and died, and Esaliar was some harrassed for conveyance. So he communed with his subs., saying, " Let us hire a fine chariot for the way is long and the journey irksome." And on the seventh day of the week they entered into a fine chariot, marvelling greatly, for it was not drawn by oxen neither was it drawn by kine, but made loud noises and much smoke came therefrom and its bowels were fitted with the oil of Persia, which is called Pratts'. But before the journey was half spent the wind arose and a mighty tempest raged and the skies opened and snow fell so that Esaliar would fain have alighted to take a compass bearing. At last he came to the place where his century was encamped, named Drill Hall, and there to meet him were his warriors, and foremost amongst them was one named Luke, a mighty man of valour and of great stature, who had followed the eagles into divers far countries in days long spent. Yea even to the land of the Indies and Egypt. And seeing Esaliar he arose, raising his hand to his brow in salutation, and saying, " Hail ! 'cap.,' verily we were of the mind that ye had perished, and great were our lamentations. We were about to sit down by the waters of the Winning and weep." After they had opened a wine skin and refreshed themselves, up spake this centurion " Come with me into the fields, for I have schemed a scheme which I shall call a tactical scheme." And his warriors followed after, troubling for they had dire forebodings of the many questions that Esaliar had prepared. And when they were come to the place he unfolded his scheme, saying, " Hearken ye ! this is my scheme. The armies of Durham have crossed the river called Tyne. We be part of this Army. The armies of Northumberland have ranged themselves by the waters of Ponteland. In what formations thinkest thou we would move ? And this is the end of the first question." And his warriors, sore troubled, asked one of the other, " In what formations wouldst thou move ? " At length answered one of oily tongue. " Lord, methinks that as there be but one more river to cross, we would move by bounds." And Esaliar made answer, " That answer's wrong," and continuing : " Thinkest thou thy men should be equipped with waistcoats ? " And they cried, " Yea, verily, they would have waistcuts." And Esaliar made answer, " That answer's wrong." And he asked again, " What wouldst they put in the water in their water carriers to keep it sweet and clear ! " And they answered with one accord, " Whisky." And Esaliar made answer, " That answer's wrong." Then, speaking for the fourth time, " Where thinkest thou my headquarters would be ? " And they answered immediately, " The wine store." And Esaliar replied, " That answer's right." Now he who was called Haggis McHaggis, the son of Tavish the Haggis, spake with wisdom in his speech. " Sir, methinks I spy afar off one who wears a helmet of brass bound about with scarlet. Let us not be caught like the foolish virgins with no oil in our lamps. Let us hide unto the place where oil can be obtained, no matter where, so that it be well hid and he of the scarlet hatband shall seek and he shall *not* find." And Esaliar replied, " Thou speakest as one with authority, and not as a subaltern. Let us go quickly, for I fear he approacheth." So they went and found room at an inn and got well oiled. Now, when this centurion saw all the oil bottles which they had emptied he laughed, and cried out, " Let us place these ' bottells ' upon the Wall of Hadrian, so that by taking thought we add one cubit to its stature." And they hastened and did so, and, if any doubt, let them go unto this place, which is called Wall Bottel even unto this day.

5TH BATTALION (T.A.) NOTES.

WALKER.

March, 1925.

There is very little of interest to report this month. Work is increasing slightly, and there have been good attendances at the Battalion Courses.

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It has been definitely decided that the 149th Infantry Brigade carries out its Annual Training at Pwllheli, and Commanding Officers and Adjutants will shortly be going there for a day or two to inspect the place.

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We congratulate our Commanding Officer on being nominated a County Councillor for Gosforth, thus adding to his already numerous responsibilities, etc. : we feel sure that motorists, at any rate, will benefit in due course by this latest honour conferred on him.

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There was a Mess Dinner at Walker on the 6th March, and a very successful evening was enjoyed. Numerous presentations were made to the Mess—Colonel Wright, Commanding the 7th Battalion, presented a Silver Grenade Cigar Lighter, and Colonel Irwin presented a similar one, making a pair. Captain Morrison presented a Silver Cocktail " shaker," and Captain T. A. Johnson presented a pair of horns. Numerous speeches were made. Amongst those present were Colonel J. M. Gover, D.S.O., T.D., R.M.A., M.C. ; Major G. E. Wilkinson ; Captains H. Larry, J. M. McKenzie, M.C., H. Shield, M.C., G. Bell, M.C., A. K. Wardroper ; Mr. George and Mr. Anderson.

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Our Colonel-Commandant, Col. H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O., visited the Battalion Classes one night and appeared to be pleased with what he saw, otherwise we have been left severely alone so far, but no doubt it is but the quiet before the storm, but we trust not.

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We regret we have lost Mr. J. R. Ashworth, who is departing to take up an open air life in Canada. He has only been with us a few months, but in that time he has shown us what conscientiousness and application can do. He has done particularly well at all Courses, and in his O.T.C. Certificate "A" examination. He will be a great loss to the Battalion, and we all wish him the best of luck.

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We are now 5 Officers short, but we hope to get them before Camp.

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
March, 1925.

Now that training has started in earnest, it may be of interest to enumerate the powers-that-be who are responsible for it. These are :—

Lt.-Col. A. D. S. Rogers, T.D., in command ; Major G. E. Wilkinson, M.C., second-in-command.

"*A*" *Coy.*—Lieut. J. L. Challoner (in command), Lieut. C. S. Graham, 2nd-Lieut. J. M. L. Criddle, C.S.M. A. Hoggins.

"*B*" *Coy.*—Capt. G. F. Bell (in command), Lieut. D. D. Rutherford, M.C., 2nd-Lieut. P. Gardner, C.S.M. W. Robinson.

"*C*" *Coy.*—Capt. F. Clayton, M.C. (in command), 2nd-Lieut. C. B. Gillespie, 2nd-Lieut. G. L. A. France, C.S.M. W. Jordan, M.M.

"*D*" *Coy.*—Capt. F. Dawson, M.C. (in command), Lieut. C. B. Carrick, M.C., 2nd-Lieut. A. H. M. Field, C.S.M. G. Weddle.

Headquarter Coy.—Capt. T. P. Parmeter (in command), C.Q.M.S. L. C. Nockels, M.C.

M.G. Platoon—Lieut. H. E. Wilson.

M.O.—Major W. J. Harrison, T.D., R.A.M.C.

Adjutant—Capt. J. T. Leese.

Quartermaster—Capt. J. R. Johnson.

R.S.M.—W. Capstaff.

R.Q.M.S.—R. Boyd.

In addition to the above, we supply, unofficially and with great reluctance, the Brigade Major in the person of Major William Anderson, D.S.O., M.C.

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It is now an open secret that the Battalion Camp this year will be at Pwellhi, which is somewhere in the vastness of North Wales. Rumour has it that there is a pier and a beach, so that it does not take much imagination to know that the place will be acceptable to the troops. We understand that already the P.R.I. is raising a subscription to found a prize for the best pronunciation of this name. To our knowledge it has already formed the key to several cross-word puzzles, with disastrous results.

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The fixing of the venue for camp has been the means of a terrific barrage to gain greater efficiency.

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Much sand and paraphernalia have been bought by the Adjutant at Woolworth's, and laborious nights have been spent in fighting battles on the sand table. The Adjutant has given some excellent lectures, and the new arrangements for training whereby the monotonous nightly drills have been eliminated, has, on all hands, been voted a great success.

The results of this training were judged by the Colonel and the Adjutant on Tuesday, the 24th March, with the result that "B" Coy. were proclaimed the winners of the Winter Training Cup. Hearty congratulations to Capt. Bell, who, in spite of diversions caused through his being Master of Beagles and also through his constant and mysterious disappearances to the land across the Border, has managed to inculcate the knowledge of the blue book into his Company with such great success. We do not wish to be inquisitive, but we think the rumours of his liaison with the 52nd Division should be enquired into. We feel we can leave this matter in the hands of the subalterns union, with which the Officer in question seems to have some undefined connection.

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In addition to the above, there have been some very interesting lectures.

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Major Curry, the Instructor of Weapon Training, Northern Command, gave us a lecture on the "Tactical handling of machine guns." This was one of the best lectures we have heard on the subject, and for once in a way we were not told that the gun was divided into two parts. We are very glad to think that the use of this important weapon is not being entirely overlooked, although, with the resuscitation of a Machine Gun platoon, it is obvious that the training of machine gunners will vary with the keenness, or non-keenness, of Commanding Officers.

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Major Salt also attended and gave us a very interesting lecture on "Imperial Organisation." This was very well attended by all ranks, and the lecturer was enthusiastically cheered, which showed that all ranks appreciated the significance of his remarks.

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Several Officers have attended the week-end courses at the Barracks, which were excellently arranged and carried out under Capt. Trenam, O.B.E., M.C.

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Next month there is to be a Battalion Route March, on Saturday, 18th April, with a Church Parade on the 19th April, and on St. George's Day the Battalion will attend at the War Memorial for the purpose of laying on wreaths, and there will be a dinner at night at the Officers' Mess, followed by the Sergeants' Dance. In view of what happened last year, several of us are in strict training.

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During April and May week-end camps are to be held, and all musketry is to be done under Company arrangements. No man is to be allowed to shoot his course without first having passed the elementary tests in musketry. This, we think, will greatly add to the efficiency of the shooting results.

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Recruiting has been brisk, and we are glad to note that 70 new recruits are recorded to date. There are still over 100 vacancies, and if each man will bring in a friend the problem will be solved at once.

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Recruits already enlisted seem the right type of young lads, and are of good physique.

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Turning to matters of sport, these have been almost as active as things military during the last month.

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The Colonel and other Officers attended the final of the Depôt's Recruits' Boxing at Fenham Barracks. The whole show was well organised and run, and we were all much impressed with the pluck and grit displayed. So long as the 5th Fusiliers get the type of recruit we saw at this Boxing display there is no fear for the Regiment if it should have its back to the wall in any tight corner in the future.

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Capt. Johnson kindly took four Fusiliers down to Cardiff to take part in the Territorial Army Boxing Championship. The men were :—Fus. Bell, Fus. Gullen, Fus. Lonergan and Drmr. Berkley.

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Fus. Bell won his first fight, but lost on points in the second round, owing to a damaged elbow.

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Fus. Gullen got into the semi-final and put up a fine fight, but was beaten on points.

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Fus. Lonergan fought in a most plucky way and was specially complimented by the referee and by all Welsh papers. He should, with some experience, go far.

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Drmr. Berkley fought remarkably pluckily, considering his lack of experience, and he also should do well in the future.

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On the 28th February the Battalion fought the Tyne Division R.N.V.R. on board the H.M.S. *Helicon*. We were beaten by 4 events to 3 after some good fighting.

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Col. H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O., Commanding the Brigade, gave away the prizes. The results were as follows :—

Fly-weight.—E. R. A. Buchanan, R.N.V.R., beat Fus. Lonergan.
Bantam-weight.—Shipwright Muline, R.N.V.R., beat Fus. Marshall.
Feather-weight.—O. T. L. Geleson beat Fus. Sloan.
Welter-weight.—P. O. Hellicon lost to Corpl. Dinning.
Light-weight.—A.B. Conville, R.N.V.R., beat Corpl. Stewart.
Welter-weight.—A.B. Glenmer, R.N.V.R., lost to Drmr. Berkley.
Middle-weight.—Ord. Art. Knox, R.N.V.R., lost to Sergt. Wood.

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With regard to football, our team is playing in the Newcastle and District Amateur League, and, so far, has done quite well and is at present half-way up in the League table.

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Turning to things personal, we are indebted to our late Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. E. Temperley, D.S.O., T.D., for presenting 12 silver tankards to the Mess. We understand that those Officers who are at present suffering from tennis and squash racquet elbows have, since the arrival of the tankards, voluntary undertaken courses of intensive massage.

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As we go to press the news comes through on the Wireless, that Lieut. J. L. Challoner, O.C. "A" Company, has become engaged to be married. Hearty congratulations ! *Quo fata vocant* !

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
25th March, 1925.

The party of W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s who attended for a week-end at the Depôt came back with a glowing account of their experiences there.

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Fus. G. Weatherburn, Headquarter Wing, attended a horse transport course at Depôt, R.A.S.C., Woolwich, from 23rd February to 9th March.

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Congratulations are due to Capt. Watson and Lieut. Ledgerwood on passing parts of their promotion examinations.

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The choice of Whittingham district for our regimental exercise on 14th and 15th March was a very happy one, the country in the vicinity of Broome Park and Islington Park being ideal for the schemes prepared by the directing staff—Col. Wright, Majors Smail and Chenevix-Trench. The attendance of Officers was encouraging, the three syndicates being formed as follows :—No. 1, Capt. Cowen, Lieut. Potts, 2nd-Lieut. Robson ; No. 2, Capt. McCreath, Lieut. Adlard, 2nd-Lieut. Green ; No. 3, Capt. Watson, Lieuts. Dargie and Ledgerwood, and 2nd-Lieut. Brown.

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Major A. E. W. Salt, from the Northern Command, lectured to Officers and N.C.O.'s at Headquarters on Tuesday, 17th instant, on Pacific problems.

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The Officers and Sergeants of the Amble Company gave a most enjoyable and successful dance at the Drill Hall on 12th March, when some 150 ladies and gentlemen accepted their invitation to be present. Brizlee's band from Alnwick provided the music, and Sgt.-Instr. Cole performed the duties of M.C. in his usual capable manner. Major Trench, Capt. Appleby, and 2nd-Lieut. Green were among those present.

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The courses in Section Leading, Lewis and Vickers Gunnery have now been completed at Drill Halls, but despite this they are still a nightly scene of activity in preparation for annual training. During the month the Brigadier (Col. Morant) attended the course at Morpeth and the efficiency drill at Ashington.

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Recruiting continues to be most satisfactory, and we have every hope of being up to strength before camp. Our numbers now stand at 587, and we are assured that we are not a battalion "on paper."

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Engagements, so far, for St. George's Day include the Berwick Company's ball on the eve and the Headquarter's function on "the day." St. George's Day, Sunday, falls on the tenth anniversary of the action of St. Julien, and it is hoped that O.C. Companies will invite survivors of that day to attend the parade with the young soldiers of to-day.

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We continue to receive good accounts of the Ashington and Berwick football teams. The former has made a good appearance in the Ashington and District League, and the latter has gone into special training for the local Infirmary Cup, in the first round of which they are due to meet the Depôt K.O.S.B.

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Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD.

31st March, 1925.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years :—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1900, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1913, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924.

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Do any of our readers subscribe to the Royal United Kingdom Beneficient Association? If so, may we beg them for their votes in the election for annuities in May next, on behalf of a lady whose father was one time a Lieut.-Colonel in the Regiment. The case is a most deserving one, and if anybody can and desires to influence votes on her behalf, full particulars can be obtained either from the Editor at above address or from Major-General Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., United Service Club, London,

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We beg to offer our heartiest congratulations to Lt.-Col. H. R. Sandilands on the appearance of his "Magnum Opus," "the 23rd Division." To our non-professional mind, reading it was a revelation of how to blend the technical account of the activities of a unit so large as a division with an account of the human side of the lesser lights in the unit. All who served with the 23rd Division will read it with avidity, and we commend it, on grounds of its attractive reading and tremendous interest to those who like reading good books, and are not determined to forget the late war.

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Subscriptions due in April :—

Lady Bertha Dawkins	P.M.C., 2nd Batt.
Col. A. J. Foster	Major Greville Williams
Mrs. L. Gibson	Lieut. B. Tarleton
Mrs. H. Kilgour	Captain W. Watson
M. Mort, Esq.	Captain E. H. Watson

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Pte. L. H. Fetterr	The Editor "Memories"
Major-Gen. F. L. Festing, C.M.G.	Lt.-Col. H. W. Warwick

Letter to the Editor.

8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,

31st March, 1925.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st January and 31st March, 1925, as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Col. D. Sapte	2	2	0
Capt. G. E. D. Waddilove	1	0	0
Major F. A. Cubitt	2	2	0
Col. E. W. Dashwood, C.B.E.	2	2	0
Hon. F. W. Lambton	1	0	0
Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O.	5	0	0
Major H. H. Prideaux	1	1	0
Major H. M. Heyder, M.C.	1	1	0
Capt. M. L. Sant	1	1	0
Major G. M. Harding	1	1	0
Miss Booth	2	2	0
Mrs. Carden	1	1	0
Col. M. W. Biddulph	5	0	0
Col. E. M. Moulton Barrett, D.S.O.	2	2	0
Bdgr.-Gen. F. C. Carter, C.B.	1	1	0
Bgdr.-Gen. F. L. Festing, C.B., C.M.G.	1	0	0
Col. the Hon. N. C. Gathorne Hardy, D.S.O.	1	1	0
Mrs. Harkness	1	1	0
Col. E. S. Heard	2	2	0
Bgdr.-Gen. C. H. L. James, C.B., C.M.G.	2	2	0
Bgdr.-Gen. the Hon. C. Lambton, D.S.O.	5	5	0
Col. the Hon. M. O'Brien, M.V.O., D.S.O.	2	0	0
Col. G. A. Pagan	1	1	0
Bdgr.-Gen. W. H. Sitwell, C.B., D.S.O.	2	2	0
Col. J. A. C. Somerville, C.M.G., C.B.E.	1	1	0
Col. F. C. Turner, C.M.G.	1	1	0
Col. A. E. Whitaker, C.B.E., T.D., D.L.	5	0	0
Capt. J. H. L. White	1	1	0
Col. W. C. Wright	1	0	0
Mrs. Bigge	1	0	0
P.R.I., 2nd Batt. 5th Fusiliers	20	18	0
"A Friend," per Major B. T. St. John	1	0	0
Col. G. F. T. Leather	2	0	0
Mrs. Leather	1	0	0
Col. T. W. C. Carthew	1	1	0
Major S. S. Flower, O.B.E.	3	0	0
Col. R. J. Roddam, O.B.E.	1	1	0
Mrs. A. M. Gibson	1	1	0
Miss C. Fenwicke-Clennell	Clothing and boots		
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LONG HOURS.

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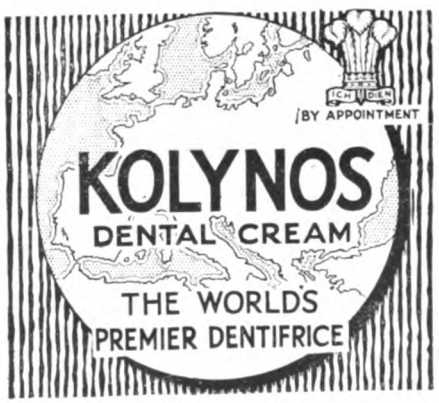

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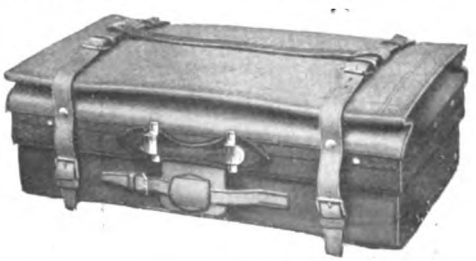

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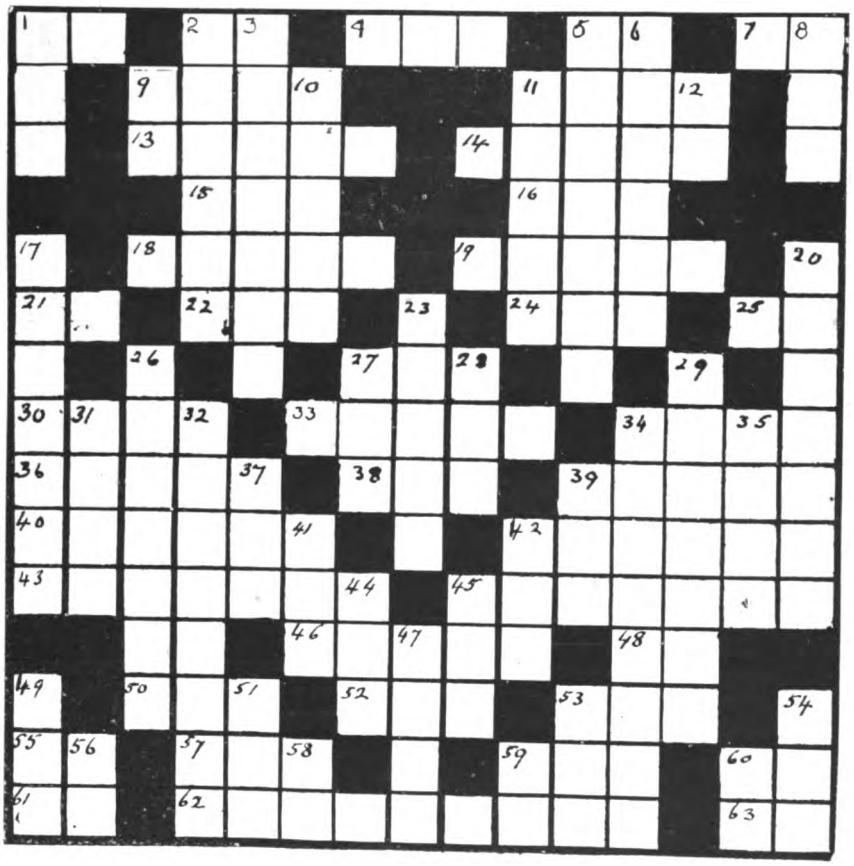

DOWN.

1. African antelope
2. Precious stones
3. Brass work
5. The Fifth
6. State of tissue
8. Scotch lease
9. Exist
10. Pardon
11. Reflected light
12. Personal Pronoun
17. Members of a University (abb.)
20. Mental bereavement
23. Wind instruments
26. Fish
27. Small bird
28. And the rest (abb.)
29. A monk's designation
31. Metal
32. Dead skin
34. Dactylic hexameters
35. Carriage
37. Regard
39. Silly Idiot! (Scotch)
41. Regalia
42. Mate
44. Old maxim
45. Pronoun
47. Entertainment
49. Well fed
51. Not me
53. Tree
54. Past
56. Thus
58. Added to (abb.)
59. Part of a Titter
60. Preposition

ACROSS.

1. Start
2. Softer (graphite)
4. Adverb
5. Conjunction
7. Supposing
9. Sometimes found in water bottles
11. Saved from drowning.
13. Rara aves
14. Tick off
15. Edible root
16. Singular
18. Man's name
19. What time is of man
21. Preposition
22. A number of things
24. System of Chronology
25. A cycle
27. Equality
30. Equalled
33. A musical interval
34. Therefore
36. Hanging
38. Sleuth (abb.)
39. Indicates a bite
40. A tobacco-growing island
42. Rhymed
43. Obsolete guns
45. Stuck up
46. Hubbub
48. Like
50. Rope
52. Feud
53. Remote
55. Like
57. Exquisite
59. Nervous twitchings
60. A king
61. Preposition
62. Useful in war
63. Refusal

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SOME EXPERIENCES OF A LIGHT INFANTRYMAN WITH THE CHAUSSEURS ALPINS.

(*Continued from page* 37.)

In a normal winter there is snow at Lanslebourg. This year snow was not met to any extent below 5,000 feet. However, the temperature at Lanslebourg from the 1st November is never above freezing point, and of course the higher one goes the colder it becomes. To describe all that we did, and the wonderful time that we spent, would take too much room.

A typical 48 hours of Winter Manœuvres is that of the march to the fort of the Col de Sollieres (8,400 ft.).

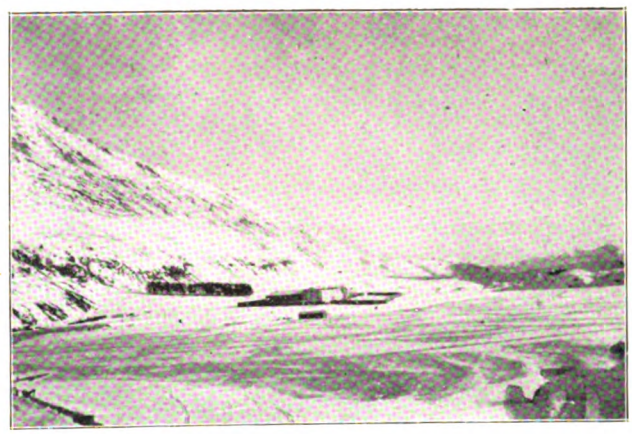
Except in times of "acute diplomatic tension," these forts are only occupied by caretakers. However, for the winter marches, the advanced company gets blankets and straw up to the forts by mule or hand-drawn sleigh, according to snow conditions.

The detachment had assembled at Termignon (4,300 ft.) overnight, and gone to bed very early. We were on parade at 6.45, before sunrise. It was very cold, and in spite of the fact that we were to march we only had the normal French

TERMIGNON.

breakfast—coffee and bread. Everyone, the C.O. included, carried his own overcoat, boots, etc., two days' rations, ski or snowshoes. The men were fully loaded, pack, rifle and cartridges, and each group (12 men) carried Alpine tools—*i.e.*, picks, etc.—*i.e.*, every other man had additional weight. We climbed on a military track which was made by the Battalion before the war. When we reached the snow level everyone put on ski or snowshoes. Snowshoes are most awkward and clumsy things to wear. At about 10.30 we halted at a refuge and "breakfasted" on bread, meat and white wine. The refuge was at the edge of the forest belt, and our climb after this was on enormous snow slopes, steep and rolling, here and there ending abruptly in cliffs and young precipices.

The military track continues right up to the Fort of Sollieres, but the condition of the snow was too dangerous for the Battalion to go that way. Consequently the skieurs went on ahead over the track, while the remainder on snowshoes took a steeper but safer route. At about 3 we arrived at the Fort, and were met by two orderlies bearing large cans of coffee mixed with rhum. This was exactly what we wanted, and it did us good. The head of the battalion arrived about an hour and a half after us. They had climbed up steadily in single file, pausing every 15 minutes. In spite of the intense cold, the weight



VIEW FROM FRENCH FRONTIER OF ITALIAN FORTS BENEATH MONT CENIS.

they were carrying, no one fell out, not even the two men who had got frost bitten feet. These two sportsmen, of whom one was my orderly, not only did they march up to the Col, but descended next day with their feet in a very bad condition owing to the frost. Perhaps they were on their mettle, having foreign officers attached to them. One cannot tell. It can, however, be stated definitely that this same spirit was evident during the whole of the Winter Manœuvres and on the training marches. The night was spent under practically war conditions, *minus* the shells. Everyone was very cheerful, wonderful stories were told of former heroes of the Battalion. Alpinists who had done reconnaissance marches through the whole of the Alps in winter. Just as with us, people vied in their "bukking," and one compared them to those of our own who inflict us with their yarns of the Nile in '42. The next day we descended to Lanslebourg, where we slept in the barracks built by Napoleon for his passage across the Alps. The descent was

THE REFUGE AT REPLAT DES CANONS.

comparatively easy for those on snowshoes, but for novices on ski it was terribly exciting. Several of us, owing to ignorance

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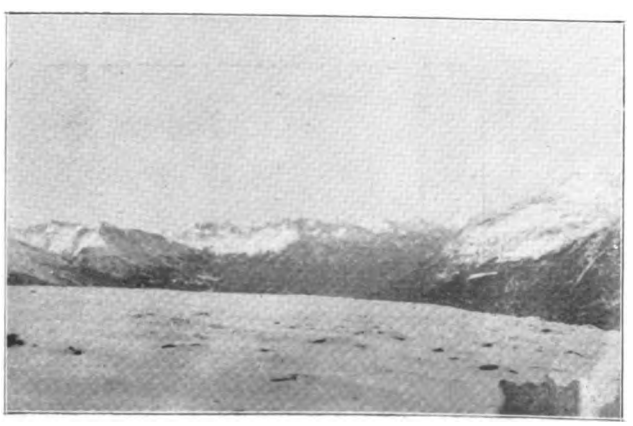
of the route and of ski, had narrow escapes, but apart from innumerable falls there were no unpleasant incidents.

The writer's Regiment and the 14th B.C.A. have a long acquaintanceship. It began in Crimean days, and was renewed

LA DENT PARACHÉE—11,136 FT.

near Mt. Kemmel in 1918, and in Upper Silisia in 1921. Consequently he was the object of the greatest kindness and consideration. Most French officers seem to have a genuine liking and respect for the British Army. Their spoken sentiments entirely contradict the things one occasionally sees in the French Press.

The *esprit de corps* of the Chausseurs is magnificent, but there was one regret expressed at one time or another by three quarters of the Officers. Formerly the rule was "once a Chasseur always a Chasseur." Since the war, officers are moved indiscriminately from Chasseurs to Infantry, and from one regiment of Infantry to another. Thus, an Officer or N.C.O. may start his career in one regiment, and will have passed through perhaps



BELOW LE COL DE SOLITRES.

seven or eight before he leaves the Army. There is no continuity of Regimental tradition - that wonderful family feeling that we have in the British Regiments of Infantry. It is missing, but is desired by the majority of the people concerned, and one heard even general officers speaking in admiration of our system and expressing the hope that it may be possible to approach the Territorial Regimental System in France.

This fact is doubly interesting at the present time to those who are jealous of Regimental traditions. An ugly movement exists amongst "promotionists" and those who have not experienced the benefits and joys of Regimental soldiering to introduce a general list for promotion of the Infantry.

While there are doubtless many arguments in favour of this horror, the fact remains that those who have that other system admire ours and value the moral, sentimental and human traditions of the British Infantry Regiments.

What Fusilier wants to be a Light Infantryman? What Light Infantryman wants to be a Fusilier?

THE JONESES' NEW CAR.

He said: "It's cheaper to buy a new car than run an old one. They allowed me an awful lot in trade. A closed car is much more sensible. Mrs. Jones never liked the old car, anyway.

She said: "We really can't afford a new car, but it's a lovely colour. Be sure to have a 'J' painted on the door."

His father said: "Guess John must have done pretty well on that land deal. His car seemed all right. Well, it's none of my business if he buys half a dozen new cars."

His mother said: "John didn't say anything to me on Sunday about buying a new car. You'd have thought he would mention it to his own mother. I just know she put the notion in his head. I always thought John's was a really nice car."

Her mother said: "I hear John has a new car. I do hope it's more comfortable than his old one. We'll go right over after supper and let them take us for a ride."

The neighbours said: "Can you beat it? The Joneses have a new car. And he crying 'hard up' all winter! He might have bought himself a lawn mower; then he wouldn't have to borrow ours on Saturday afternoons."

THE VENTRILOQUIST'S DOG.

They tell this story of an American ventriloquist. He arrived at an hotel with only a few cents.

The proprietor, a German, said: "Well, what will you have?"

He said: "I'll take a little whisky," and then, turning to his dog, asked: "What will you have?"

"I'll take a ham sandwich."

The German was so surprised he almost fainted. He looked at the dog a moment and then asked: "What did you say?"

"I said a ham sandwich."

Hans thought it wonderful that a dog should be able to talk, and asked who had trained him, etc.

"How much you take for him?"

"Oh!" said the ventriloquist, "I wouldn't sell him at any price, but if you will lend me £10 I'll leave him with you till I bring the money."

"All right," said Hans, "I just want him for a little while, so I can show him to some smart people I know round here."

Everything was settled, the money paid, etc., and as the ventriloquist went out he turned and waved his hand to the dog and said: "Well, good-bye, Jack. I'll come back soon."

"You mean son-of-a-gun, to sell me for £10 after all I've done for you!" answered the dog. "I'll never speak another word as long as I live!"

And he didn't.

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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DEATH.

BOOTH.—On the 16th April, at "Alfriston," Cole Park, Twickenham, Capt. John Brooke Booth, late 5th Fusiliers, aged 83 years.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

REGULAR BATTALION.

Lieut. L. C. Thomas, M.C., is seconded for service under the Colonial Office (dated 19th February).

Major E. L. D. Forster retires on retired pay (dated 15th April).

Capt. and Bt.-Major R. E. Critchley-Salmonson, M.C., to be Major (dated 15th April).

SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

North'd. Fus.—2nd Lieut. J. R. Boon, M.M., late Service Batts., to be 2nd-Lieut. (dated 28th March),

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

The following to be 2nd-Lieutenants :—

4th Batt.—G. B. Smith (late Cadet, King's School (Worc.) Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) (dated 14th April).

4th Batt.—Lieut. O. A. Peters, late R.A.F. (dated 1st April).

5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. G. Ellis to be Lieutenant (dated 1st March, 1925).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

4th Batt.—Major W. E. Stephenson (Hon. Lieut. in Army), having attained the age limit, is retired, and retains his rank with permission to wear the prescribed uniform (dated 25th April).

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

LEIDENHAUSEN CAMP,

April, 1925.

The march out to camp took place according to plan on 28th March. Some snow fell in the morning as the Regiment left barracks. Nothing daunted, however, we marched on, nor was our morale lowered when, on our approaching our temporary home, a large signpost ironically indicated the road to Summer Camp.

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On the first night there was quite a sharp frost, but the powers-that-be came to the rescue the next day by increasing the scale of blankets to six per man, and distributing largesse in the form of rum.

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Such was the beginning of our sojourn in Summer Camp. Since then we have had a number of days of real spring weather —quite sufficient to cause our young men's fancy lightly to turn to thoughts of . . . what a nice summer there will probably be to follow ; and intermingled with these we have had a good deal of heavy rain, cold wind and a heavy thunderstorm. And so, just to be on the safe side, we stick to our six blankets per man, and still like to think that a rum issue is obtainable in case of need.

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The annual musketry month is proceeding along the normal lines. Most of our consistent marksmen have retained their standard with perfect regularity. A certain number of third class shots appear to emulate their performances in so far only as perfect regularity is concerned.

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The musketry month is in many respects rather a dull, monotonous affair, and so episodes such as the following are doubly welcome for the relief they afford.

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The scene is Urbach range. A company, having finished firing the Lewis gun for the day, is reluctantly packing away

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guns, magazines, empty cases, magazine carriers, etc., preparatory to tearing itself away from the range. A Fusilier, stooping over a tin box, is observed by the C.S.M. to have rammed the contents in anyhow, and to be busily engaged breaking the hinge in his efforts to make the box close. The C.S.M., livid with rage, strides over and addresses the stooping form with winged words: "That's just what *you* would do, isn't it? Who is it?"

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We were glad to see Mr. Jones back after his successful recovery from an operation for appendicitis. A photograph in this issue, in which he figures, is evidence of the fact that he is his hearty self again. Mr. Steele and Mr. Beckwith, both of

THE ADJUTANT.

whom were on the sick list when we marched out, have also since rejoined.

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Capt. Powell has rejoined from his Hygiene Course, and is now a fully-qualified authority on drains, the art of incineration, the habits of the mosquito, house-fly, and many other nameless animal afflictions which are anathema to military medical authorities.

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In spite of some bad weather and the ties of the range, Col. Herbert, Mr. Seth-Smith, Mr. Bolster and Mr. Macmullen have been able to play some polo, and hope to have better opportunities than last year, as this year we shall have a two months' spell in barracks in the middle of the summer.

Hearty congratulations to Major Critchley-Salmonson on his promotion.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

As foreshadowed in the last issue of the *Gazette*, St. George's Day this year was shorn of much of its splendour owing to our being in camp.

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Fortunately we were blessed with glorious weather. In the morning the Band and Drums played St. George's Day music, and although the surroundings were unlike those in which we are accustomed to spend the day, one "felt" St. George's Day from the moment that they began to play.

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The final of the inter-company sports began at 10.30, and at about 12 o'clock the married families arrived from Cologne in char-a-bancs to have lunch in camp and spend the day.

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In the Officers' Mess, except for the wives of officers at the station, the only guests were the Rev. and Mrs. Hutchings, who are so closely connected with the Regiment as almost to be Fusiliers in all but name. We are glad to see Captain Tremain, who arrived just before lunch.

In the afternoon the sports, of which a separate account appears elsewhere, were continued until four o'clock, "X" Company finally securing the championship after a keen struggle in which "Z" Company were runners-up. Comic relief was added after serious athletics were done with, by an old soldiers' race and a tug-of-war between Officers and Sergeants, the former winning on account of the inability of the Sergeants to make any impression on the Officers' anchor man.

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During and after tea, the Band, having collected various members who had been taking part in the sports, again played, and at seven o'clock the married families returned to Cologne.

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The Sergeants were unable to have their St. George's Day Ball, but an excellent Smoking Concert, to which the Officers were invited, was held in their Mess after dinner, and was greatly enjoyed by everybody.

Altogether the day was a great success. Everyone was as happy as all good Fusiliers ought to be, and the one regret was that, through our being in camp, it could not be celebrated with fitting ceremony, and no past members of the Regiment could spend it with us. We were very glad to receive telegrams of good wishes from the following:—

2nd Batt., Depôt, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Batts., General Wilkinson, Capt. and Mrs. Sutherland, Capt. Sant, Col. Ainslie, Col. and Mrs. Girdwood, Major Thornton, Col. Dashwood, Col. and Mrs. Enderby, General Yatman, Mr. Byrne, Capt. Prickett, Major Leverson, Col. Charles Wood, Col. Money, Officers, 2nd Batt. K.S.L.I., Capt. Garnier, Col. Sommerville, Col. Heard, Group Commander Bonham Carter, Major and Mrs. St. John, FIFTH Old Veterans Association (Holborn), Col. Salier, Major and Mrs. Stephen, General Lambton, Col. Platt, Col. and Mrs. Gordon, Major Allen and family, Capt. English, Col. Stewart, Col. and Mrs. Cruddas, Col. Coles, Col. Sturges, Capt. E. J. Hardman Jones.

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INTER-COMPANY REGIMENTAL SPORTS.

The Sports for the Champion Company Competition were originally to have taken place on the 23rd and 24th of March, respectively, but owing to the Advance Party having to move to Leidenhausen Training Camp for musketry on the first of those dates—not to mention a Brigade Tactical Scheme for the Officers—they were unavoidably postponed until our arrival in Camp.

The heats were run off on the 20th, 21st and 22nd of April, and the finals took place on St. George's Day. The weather was ideal. A warm, bright, sunny day, with a pleasant breeze, which was not sufficient to impede the runners. On the other hand, however, the track was far from being all that could be desired; owing to the size of the ground, the bends were distinctly on the sharp side, and the narrowness of the track added to the difficulty of "handing over" in the relay events. Incidentally, the track was about 15 yards short of the 440 yards, and so it was decided that no times should be recorded. Also it was found impossible to hold the Hurdle Relay Race and the Obstacle Team Race.

Nevertheless, in spite of all these shortcomings, a most enjoyable day was spent, and if the competitors were not brilliant, they easily made up for this deficit by their unbounded enthusiasm.

We would like to say that the critics are of unanimous opinion that the athletics of the Battalion have shown a distinct improvement during the last couple of years. The writer of these notes would like to take this opportunity of reminding all ranks that though the Inter-Company Champion Company Sports (1924–1925) have only just taken place, the athletic season is not now ended, but has, on the contrary, only just begun.

It is hoped very much that it will be found possible to hold some Individual Sports immediately on our return to Barracks, and providing that neither Weisbaden, Ballykinlar or Timbuctoo intervene, there are still the Rhine Army Sports to be thought about. Our first year on the Rhine we were 2nd, our second year 3rd, and last year we were 2nd. What about this year? Why not first? It must be remembered that there are some new arrivals in the Rhine Army, who are no mean opponents. The solution—LUCK excepted—would appear to depend on the one word, "Training."

In conclusion, we wish to congratulate "X" Company on their win, not forgetting their performance in the tug-of-war.

OFFICERS' GROUP, ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1925.

The programme, together with the results, are appended.

The Officials were:—

Referee: Lt.-Col. A. C. L. Hardman Jones.

Chief Judge: Capt. H. I. Powell.

Judges: Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Major R. E. Critchley-Salmonson, M.C.; Capt. W. H. Braddell; Capt. E. G. Pemberton; Capt. D. S. Lindsay, M.C.; Lieut. H. G. Steele, M.C.

Starter: Lieut. and Quartermaster Mr. W. Myers, M.C., D.C.M.

Chief Whip: C.S.M. Guttridge.

Recorder: Col.-Sgt. Gale.

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RESULTS.

April 20th. 1st Day. Heats.

220 *Yds. Team Race.*

Heat 1.—(1) Sgt. Peppiatt, " Y " Coy. ; (2) Fus. Walker, " Z " Coy. ; (3) Fus. Avery, " X " Coy.

Heat 2.—(1) Cpl. Kirby, " B " Coy. ; (2) Cpl. Obey, " X " Coy. ; (3) Cpl. Harris, " Z " Coy.

Heat 3.—(1) Lce.-Cpl. Urwin, " X " Coy. ; (2) Cpl. Hackett, " Z " Coy. ; (3) Cpl. Russell, " B " Coy.

Heat 4.—(1) Lce.-Cpl. Obey, " A " Coy. ; (2) Fus. Taylor, " X " Coy. ; (3) Fus. Humphrey, " Z " Coy.

880 *Yds. Team Race.*

Heat 1.—(1) Fus. Warren, " Z " Coy. ; (2) Fus. Barnes, " X " Coy. ; (3) Fus. Ellison, " Y " Coy.

Heat 2.—(1) Lce.-Cpl. Rhodes, " X " Coy. ; (2) Lieut. Carr-Ellison, " W " Coy. ; (3) Fus. Collighan, " Z " Coy.

Heat 3.—(1) Lce.-Cpl. Ashton, " Z " Coy. ; (2) Fus. Caygill, " W " Coy. ; (3) Fus. Watson, " X " Coy.

100 *Yds. Team Race.*

Heat 1.—(1) Lce.-Cpl. Obey, " A " Coy. ; (2) Cpl. Kirby, " B " Coy. ; (3) Fus. Taylor, " X " Coy.

Heat 2.—(1) Sgt. Peppiatt, " Y " Coy. ; (2) Lce.-Cpl. Urwin, " X " Coy. ; (3) Cpl. Hackett, " Z " Coy.

Heat 3.—(1) Lce.-Cpl. Power, " Y " Coy. ; (2) Cpl. Obey, " X " Coy. ; (3) Lce.-Cpl. Avery, " X " Coy.

440 *Yds. Team Race.*

Heat 1.—(1) Sgt. Curtis, " Z " Coy. ; (2) Fus. Barnes, " X " Coy. ; (3) Lce.-Cpl. Baker, " W " Coy.

Heat 2.—(1) Fus. Humphrey, " Z " Coy. ; (2) Lce.-Cpl. Cooke, " A " Coy. ; (3) Fus. Harrop, " X " Coy.

Heat 3.—(1) Fus. Warren, " Z " Coy. ; (2) Fus. Smith, " X " Coy. ; (3) 2nd-Lieut. Jones, " W " Coy.

Heat 4.—(1) Lce.-Cpl. Power, " Y " Coy. ; 2, Fus. Sanderson, " Z " Coy. ; (3) Fus. Jones, " W " Coy.

April 21st. 2nd Day. Heats and Semi-Finals.

1 *Mile Team Race. Heats.*

Heat 1.—(1) Lce.-Cpl. Jarmaine, " Y " Coy. ; (2) Fus. Cooke, " X " Coy. ; (3) Fus. Watson, " X " Coy.

Heat 2.—(1) Fus. Mclean, " B " Coy. ; (2) Bdsm. Longstaff, " A " Coy. ; (3) Fus. Pennington, " W " Coy.

Heat 3.—(1) Fus. Thompson, " B " Coy. ; (2) Lieut. Holdsworth-Hunt, " B " Coy. ; (3) Fus. Adams, " Z " Coy.

220 *Yds. Team Race. Semi-finals.*

No. 1.—(1) Sgt. Peppiatt, " Y " Coy. ; (2) Lce.-Cpl. Urwin, " X " Coy. ; (3) Cpl. Russell, " B " Coy.

No. 2.—(1) Lce.-Cpl. Obey, " A " Coy. ; (2) Cpl. Obey, " X " Coy. ; (3) Cpl. Kirby, " B " Coy.

440 *Yds. Team Race. Semi-finals.*

No. 1.—(1) Sgt. Curtis, " Z " Coy. ; (2) Fus. Warren, " Z " Coy. ; (3) 2nd-Lieut. Jones, " W " Coy.

No. 2.—(1) Lce.-Cpl. Power, " Y " Coy. ; (2) Lce.-Cpl. Cook, " A " Coy. ; (3) Fus. Sanderson, " Z " Coy.

April 22nd. 3rd Day. Tug-of-war, 1st Round.

" A " Group defeated " B " by 2 pulls to nil.

" Z " Coy. defeated " Y " by 2 pulls to 1.

April 23rd. 4th Day. Finals.

Morning.

100 *Yds. Team Race.*

(1) Lce.-Cpl. Obey, " A " Coy. ; (2) Lce.-Cpl. Power, " Y " Coy. ; (3) Sgt. Peppiatt, " Y " Coy. ; (4) Cpl. Obey, " X " Coy. ; (5) Lce.-Cpl. Urwin, " X " Coy. ; (6) Fus. Taylor, " X " Coy.

Order.—(1) " Y " Coy. ; equal 2nd, " X " Coy. and " A " Coy.

440 *Yds. Team Race.*

(1) Lce.-Cpl. Power, " Y " Coy. ; (2) Sgt. Curtis, " Z " Coy. ; (3) Lce.-Cpl. Cook, " A " Coy. ; (4) Fus. Sanderson, " Z " Coy. ; (5) Fus. Warren, " Z " Coy. ; (6) 2nd-Lieut. Jones, " W " Coy.

Order.—(1) " Z " Coy. ; (2) " Y " Coy. ; (3) " A " Coy. ; (4) " W " Coy.

High Jump Team.

(1) Lieut. Beckwith, " Z " Coy., 5 ft. 4 in. ; (2) Lce.-Cpl. Obey, " A " Coy., 5 ft. 2 in. ; (3) Fus. Humphrey, " Z " Coy., 5 ft. ; (4) Cpl. Russell, " B " Coy., 4 ft. 10 in. ; (5) C.S.M. I.M. Dipper, " B " Coy., Cpl. Obey, " X " Coy., Lce.-Cpl. Urwin, " X " Coy., 4 ft. 8 in.

Order.—(1) " Z " Coy., 10 ft. 4 in. ; (2) " A " Coy., 9 ft. 10 in. ; (3) " B " Coy., 9 ft. 6 in. ; (4) " X " Coy., 9 ft. 4 in. ; (5) " Y " Coy., 4 ft. 4 in. ; (6) " W " Coy.

Previous Regimental Individual record, 5 ft. 1½ in.

Previous Regimental Team record, 9 ft. 10 in.

880 *Yds. Team Race.*

(1) Lce.-Cpl. Rhodes, " X " Coy. ; (2) Fus. Ellison, " Y " Coy. ; (3) Lieut. Carr-Ellison, " W " Coy. ; (4) Fus. Warren, " Z " Coy. ; (5) Lce.-Cpl. Ashton, " Z " Coy. ; (5) Fus. Watson, " X " Coy.

Order.—(1) " X " Coy. ; (2) " Y " Coy. ; (3) " Z " Coy. ; (4) " W " Coy.

Putting the Shot Team.

(1) Lieut. Beckwith, " Z " Coy., 41 ft. 10 in. ; (2) Cpl. Kirby, " B " Coy., 31 ft. 11 in. ; (3) Lce.-Cpl. Watson, " Z " Coy., 31 ft. 1 in. ; (4) Lce.-Cpl. McGarry, " X " Coy., 28 ft. 8 in. ; (5) Lce.-Cpl. Graham, " B " Coy., 28 ft. 6 in.

Order.—(1) " Z " Coy., 72 ft. 11 in. ; (2) " B " Coy., 60 ft. 5 in. ; (3) " X " Coy., 56 ft. 4½ in. ; (4) " W " Coy., 54 ft. 1 in. ; (5) " A " Coy., 51 ft. 2 in. ; (6) " Y " Coy., 49 ft. 2½ in.

Previous Regimental Individual record, 39 ft. 7¼ in.

Previous Regimental Team record, 65 ft. 6½ in.

3 *Miles Team Race.*

(1) Lce.-Cpl. Jarmaine, " Y " Coy. ; (2) Fus. Mclean, " B " Coy. ; (3) Lieut. Holdsworth-Hunt, " B " Coy. ; (4) Lce.-Cpl. Rhodes, " X " Coy. ; (5) Lieut. Bland, " Y " Coy. ; (6) Fus. Thompson, " B " Coy.

Order.—(1) " X " Coy. ; (2) " B " Coy. ; (3) " Y " Coy. ; (4) " Z " Coy. ; (5) " W " Coy. ; (6) " A " Coy.

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220 *Yds. Team Race.*

(1) Lce.-Cpl. Obey, "A" Coy.; (2) Cpl. Obey, "X" Coy.; (3) Lce.-Cpl. Urwin, "X" Coy.; (4) Cpl. Kirby, "B" Coy.; (5) Sgt. Peppiatt, "Y" Coy.; (6) Cpl. Russell, "B" Coy.

Order.—(1) "X" Coy.; (2) "A" Coy.; (3) "B" Coy.; (4) "Y" Coy.; (5) "W" Coy.; (6) "Z" Coy.

400 *Yds. Relay Race* (4 *at* 100 *Yds.*).

Order.—(1) "Z" Coy.; (2) "A" Coy.; (3) "B" Coy.; (4) "Y" Coy.; (5) "X" Coy.; (6) "W" Coy.

1st Team.—Lieut. Beckwith, Fus. Humphrey, Fus. Walker, Cpl. Hackett.

2nd Team.—Lce.-Cpl. Obey, Bdsmn. Ferguson, Bdsmn. Paindavoire, Bdsmn. Lord.

1 *Mile Team Race.*

(1) Lce.-Cpl. Jamaine, "Y" Coy.; (2) Bdsmn. Longstaff, "A" Coy.; (3) Fus. Mclean, "B" Coy.; (4) Lieut. Holdsworth Hunt, "B" Coy.; (5) Fus. Thompson, "B" Coy.; (6) Fus. Watson, "X" Coy.

Order.—(1) "B" Coy.; (2) "Y" Coy.; (3) "A" Coy.; (4) "X" Coy.; (5) "W" Coy.; (6) "Z" Coy.

Long Jump Team.

(1) Lce.-Cpl. Obey, "A" Coy., 20 ft. 5 in.; (2) Cpl. Kirby, "B" Coy., 19 ft. 7 in.; (3) Lce.-Cpl. Urwin, "X" Coy., 19 ft. 3 in.; (4) Fus. Jones, "W" Coy., and Lce.-Cpl. Power, "Y" Coy., 17 ft. 8 in.

Order.—(1) "A" Coy., 37 ft. 9 in.; (2) "X" Coy., 36 ft. 6½ in.; (3) "B" Coy., 35 ft. 4 in.; (4) "Y" Coy., 35 ft. 1 in.; (5) "W" Coy., 33 ft. 9 in.; (6) "Z" Coy., 31 ft. 8½ in.

Previous Regimental Individual record, 18 ft. 10¾ in.

Previous Regimental Team record, 36 ft. 4½ in.

2 *Miles Relay Race* (4 *at* 880 *Yds.*).

Order.—(1) "Z" Coy.; (2) "X" Coy.; (3) "B" Coy.; (4) "W" Coy.; (5) "Y" Coy.; (6) "A" Coy.

1st Team.—Lce.-Cpl. Ashton, Fus. Warren, Fus. Humphrey, Fus. Collighan.

2nd Team.—Fus. Barnes, Fus. Smith, Fus. Fraser, Fus. Watson.

Tug-of-War. Final. (110 stone, 12 ft. pulls.)

(Result of Tug-of-War 2nd Round.—This was the first event of the day, being held before the commencement of the Finals. "X" Coy. beat "A" Group by 2 pulls to nil. "W" Coy. beat "Z" Coy. by 2 pulls to one.)

"X" Coy. beat "W" Coy. by 2 pulls to nil.

"X" Coy.—Fus. Mullen, Lce.-Cpl. Farthing, Fus. Neil, Fus. Knowler, Fus. Rogers, Lce.-Cpl. Gray, Sgt. Hunt, Lce.-Cpl. McGarry, Lieut. Parsons, Lieut. Bolster, Sgt. Blakey (*coach*).

"W" Coy.—Fus. Morton, Lce.-Cpl. Ellen, Fus. Vinton, Fus. Ferguson, Cpl. Tailford, Cpl. Kelly, Lce.-Cpl. Bainbridge, Cpl. Huggan, Fus. Oyston, Lce.-Cpl. Smith, Lieut. Jones (*coach*).

Medley Relay Race (220, 220, 440, 880, 440, 220, 220 *Yds.*).

Order.—(1) "Z" Coy.; (2) "X" Coy.; (3) "Y" Coy.; (4) "B" Coy.; (5) "W" Coy.; (6) "A" Coy.

1st Team.—Fus. Walker, Cpl. Harris, Fus. Humphrey, Lce.-Cpl. Ashton, Sgt. Curtis, Cpl. Hackett, Lieut. Beckwith.

2nd Team.—Fus. Avery, Fus. Taylor, Fus. Barnes, Lce.-Cpl. Rhodes, Fus. Smith, Cpl. Obey, Lce.-Cpl. Urwin.

RESULT OF INTER-COMPANY SPORTS.

Company.	Order.	Points towards Champion Company Competition.
"X" ..	1	20
"Z" ..	2	16
"Y" ..	3	12
"B" ..	4	8
"A" ..	5	4
"W" ..	6	0

Records.

The following Regimental Records were broken :—

High Jump Individual—5 ft. 4 in. (5 ft. 1½ in.).
High Jump Team.—10 ft. 4 in. (9 ft. 10 in.).
Putting-the-Shot Individual.—41 ft. 10 in. (39 ft. 7¼ in.).
Putting-the-Shot Team.—72 ft. 11 in. (65 ft. 7½ in.).
Long Jump Individual.—20 ft. 5 in. (18 ft. 10¾ in.).
Long Jump Team.—37 ft. 9 in. (36 ft. 4½ in.).

At the conclusion of the Company Sports some extra events took place. The results are given below :—

Enlisted Boys' Race.

(1) Boy Lee; (2) Boy Taylor; (3) Boy Walsh.

Girls' Race.

(1) Amelia Johnson; (2) Edith Ambury; (3) Gladys Radcliffe.

Boys' Race (7-9).

(1) Stanley Clare; (2) Bertie Baker; (3) Ronnie Ambury.

Boys' Race (5-7).

(1) Willie Clare; (2) W. Johnson; (3) Pat Kelly and Billy Carlin.

Old Soldiers' Race.

Heat 1.—(1) C.S.M. Watson; (2) Lce.-Cpl. Watson; (3) Cpl. Kelly.

Heat 2.—(1) Sgt. Locke; (2) Sgt. Radcliffe; (3) Col.-Sgt. Gale.

By special request of the competitors there was no final.

ST. GEORGE'S PEPYS.

April 2nd.—This nighte my lord Ivapole, but lately returned from a course of Militarie Hygiene, did discourse in messe with surprisynge knowledge on the subject. And indeede it does appear that he was so grately shocked at the dangerous possibilities of the drinkynge of water in the leaste degree impure that all his grayvest suspicions of it as a cordial are now confirmed, so that he is stronglie resolved never agayne to touch it except it be boyled for his brakefaste coffee or subjected to a refinynge processe by the fomentaytion in it of such a quantitie of hops as will serve completelie to submerge its identitie and so dispelle the daynger.

April 11th.—Grate rejoycinges this daye for that Sir Steve Smith hath discovered a rayce horse which will not onlie start the righte way, but will also rayce to boote, the noble creature havynge showne grate pace and being playced in the Dom Sprint, and Sir Steve, poore wretch, after starvynge for monthes, being brought to bed of the influenza the daye before, so that Sir Nowe Hall did ride in his stead, steerynge the beaste with no small skille. And so we all do hope for grate thynges of the rayce horse Paulo durynge the comynge season, he havynge done so famouslie on his first appearance.

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April 15th.—In messe this nighte found Sir Edgestone-Jonworthe a-sittynge at a tayble, mightie serious, and before him learned tomes and atlases and precis, a-studyinge of the warre betwixt the Russians and the Japanese, and close besyde him Sir Steve Smith and Sir Basil Binst (the latter havynge disposed of his title of my lord Buick by reason of a lawsuit with a tram dryver of Colonne) and they all discoursynge in mightie learned fashion of the respective merits of Generalle Hi Pong and Ho Pung, and agayne of how the foolish Russians were foxed by the wiles of Pung and Pong combined.

And the reason of it all, it does appeare, is that these gentlemen are all feverishlie a-studyinge of the campaigne for theyre comynge examinations for promotion, and to this ende they, together with Sir Philip Reedburn, have been workynge at nights in barrackes in theyre leisure time, so to be freed of the stir and turmoil of campe, and able to pursue theyre studyinge away from all distractions. Indeede they do saye, That sayve for his visits to the raynge Sir Edgestone Jonworthe in particular hath this past weeke lived the life of a very hermit with his bookes in barrackes.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

April, 1925.

We are now in camp.

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Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

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During the week before moving to camp a dance was held in Marienburgh Barracks.

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It was a very successful affair, and thanks are due to Sgt. Phillips and his committee for their excellent work.

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There is still much discussion concerning "That Little Bit

LUNCH ON THE RANGE.

"GOING."

of Heaven." Experiences many and varied are related with reat gusto by one Tiffy.

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Herr Kowlin, proud possessor of a VERY extensive vocabulary, has ceased to expound his views on that subject. Instead he tells us in a very forcible manner how Smoking Concerts should be run.

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After due reflection it is unanimously decided that there is

LUNCH ON THE RANGE.

"GONE."

none other who can, with such pure diction, or in such a faultless manner, deliver the words: I WAS ASTOUNDED ! ! ! !

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The shooting is getting along famously.

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The fly in the ointment is Gee-Gee, who had to enlist the aid of a brigade of tanks which were assembled on the ranges.

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Knobby ! ! Oh ! Knobby and his gas helmet—words fail us.

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But enough of this frivolity. Oh ! no. Mention must be made of Crup.

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The biter got severely bitten.

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Let it suffice that at a sale of papers he paid 2s. 9½d. for the *Cologne Post*.

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Taking into consideration the fact that we are in camp, we are living extremely comfortably.

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The Mess is a "Home from Home."

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Amusements are few. So every night one can find small bunches of excited men partaking in the skilful, nerve-racking game called "Spoof."

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Or, again, one can go out fishing? For further particulars see Crawley.

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We regret to report the illness of S.M. G. Pullam, D.C.M. He has our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

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Congratulations to C.S.M. I. M. and Mrs. Dipper on the birth of a daughter, Olive May, at Cologne, on the 25th March, 1925.

Mother and daughter are doing well.

Father gets numerous week-ends.

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Congratulations also to Sgt. and Mrs. Wagg on the birth of a daughter, Winifred Lavarre, born at Cologne on 12th October, 1924. This announcement is late owing to a misunderstanding.

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Lce.-Sgt. Brown has left us to go on a tour of duty at the Depôt. Good luck to him !

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Congratulations to Sgt.-Drummer Sealby and Sgt. Allan, on their promotion to C.Q.M.S. May they live long to enjoy the fruits of their labours.

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We welcome into our fold Cpl. Humphries on his promotion to Sergeant. Congratulations and best wishes for a happy stay with us.

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By the time these notes are in print another St. George's Day will have gone by.

Our best wishes to all Fusiliers, past and present, for a good old St. St. George's Day.

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A description of the festivities will be in the next issue.

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Sgt. Smart has returned from a course at Hythe. Judging from his conversation he has passed with flying colours. At any rate let us hope so.

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The account of the Mess functions on St. George's Day is unavoidably held over until our next issue.

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.

FYZABAD,

12th March, 1925.

During the past month there has been a constant rush of competitions and festivities. The Battalion has been engaged in the Lucknow Subsidiary Polo Tournament, which was won by the FIFTH ; Lucknow Boxing Tournament, also won ; District Boxing Tournament at Meerut, in which the FIFTH were 3rd to the King's and Worcestershire Regiments ; Brigade Cross Country Run won by Lincolnshire Regt. with the D.C.L.I. runners up, FIFTH in 3rd place ; and Brigade Sports.

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In the last-named event, the FIFTH defeated the Tug-of-War Team of the Lincolnshire Regt., but had to be content with second place to the same Regiment in the Sports as a whole.

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Before going to Lucknow for the Brigade Sports, we held an unofficial Sports meeting with the 1st Royal Battalion 9th Jat L.I.

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The FIFTH won by the narrow margin of 2 points, winning the 100, 220, 440 and 880 yds. = 42 points.

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The Jats won the tug-of-war, putting the shot, high jump and relay race = 40 points.

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The hurdles, throwing the cricket ball and long jump were not included in the events. An impromptu Officers' relay race resulted in a win for the 9th Jat L.I.

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In the tug-of-war, both teams pulled excellently, but after pulls of 1½ and 1¼ minutes the Jats proved the stronger team.

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In the relay, the FIFTH gained a good lead in the shorter distances, but the Jat ½-miler was too fast for Bdmn. Knox, who had already run a hard race of the same distance.

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The Sergeants' Mess and Drums each entered a team for the local Hockey Tournament. The Drums beat the Sergeants' Mess XI., but were defeated 0—1 in the final by Mohamed Umer's Indian Team, mainly owing to the brilliance of the latter's goalkeeper.

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In the 11/7th Rajput Sports, the FIFTH representatives, Bdmn. Knox and Bdmn. Williams, were a 1st and 2nd in the open 880 yds. race. The handicap 100 yds. race (open to Officers of the garrison) was won by C.O. Carey (9th Jats) with Capt. Adams (9th Jats) 2nd, and Capt. Baxter (FIFTH) 3rd.

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Capt. Hogshaw has been shooting on the Nepal Border with Major Parkins (9th Jats), and secured a bear and swamp deer, but had no luck with tiger. We understand that bears are very rapid in their movements for a short distance, but that it is possible to keep ahead of them.

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Major Foster and a party of the FIFTH have returned from a Field Works Course at Rorkee, where the reputation of the Regiment as "diggers" was more than maintained.

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The 2nd Battalion scribe disclaims all responsibility for the miracle described in the 2nd column on page 7 of the January number of *St. George's Gazette*.

Subadar Pirthipal Singh and the Indian Platoon are very highly trained soldiers, but the statement that they provided a "desert of sweetmeats" for the delectation of the Divisional Commander is likely to afford grounds for a charge of extravagance in the Army, whereas the economy of one "s" will hardly reduce the printer's bill of *St. George's Gazette*.

(*Rubbish! you should learn to spell better.*—ED. *St. G.G.*)

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On 19th March, Sir George Barrow presented new Colours to the 1st Royal Battalion 9th Jat Light Infantry. The Battalion was invited to attend and large numbers of the FIFTH availed themselves of the privilege of witnessing a very impressive ceremony.

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The steadiness and bearing of the Guards were admirable.

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The annual inspection of the Battalion by the Brigade Commander was carried out by Col. A. E. McNamara on the 23rd February.

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The Battalion first paraded in battle order, and then ranked past in column of fours.

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The Fyzabad Tennis and Billiard Handicaps, the latter as yet unfinished, took the place of the Fyzabad week of previous years. Miss Joyce Simpson won the ladies' singles, defeating Mrs. Rodwell, who swept the board last year, after an excellent fight in the final. She was again successful in the mixed doubles partnered by Capt. Cooper, who also won the men's singles. The representatives of the FIFTH thus won three out of the five events and earned well-deserved applause.

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It was most unfortunate that in the final of the men's singles Major Hume Wright, owing to an attack of malaria, was unable to meet Capt. Cooper, otherwise we should probably have seen the best match of the Tournament.

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The Commissioner and Mrs. Stubbs were "at home" for the finals, which were held on their courts.

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Owing to Major Hume Wright's illness only the men's doubles were played. Capt. Wimberley, 9th Jats, and Mr. Fryer were beaten by Messrs. Gerty and Shearburn after two hard-hitting sets. Fryer was playing very well, but he and his partner were given the big handicap of owe ½ 30.

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Colonel Sandilands is a hot favourite for the Billiard Handicap.

19TH (INDIAN) INFANTRY INTER-BRIGADE BOXING TOURNAMENT.

The Inter-Brigade Boxing Tournament took place at Lucknow on the 17th, 18th and 19th February. The team was selected mainly from the results of the Inter-Company Boxing which took place a fortnight previously. The following represented the Battalion :—Fus. Hosker, Bdmn. Anderson, Fus. Barker, Lce.-Cpl. Palmer, Dmr. Antcliffe, Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, Fus. Stephenson, Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock, Dmr. Hayton, Fus. Phillips, Fus. Lawson, Fus. Mellis.

The units competing, and the points for byes, were :—

4th Q.O. Hussars, 7 points; FIFTH, 4 points; 2nd Batt. Lincolns, 6 points; 1st D.C.L.I., 6 points—so it will be seen that from the draw we were at a slight disadvantage.

The first night opened with a Bantam-weight bout between Fus. Hosker and Pte. Hournhame, 1st D.C.L.I. This was a very close contest indeed, won by Hosker in the last round after he had taken considerable punishment in the first two. His long experience in the ring stood him in good stead against a very fit and plucky opponent.

In the Feather-weights, Fus. Barker made good use of his right swing against Tpr. Laws of the 4th Hussars. His opponent was knocked to the ground three times in the first round, finally being saved by the bell. Again, in the second round, Barker kept the upper hand, and on two occasions it looked as though Laws would not rise again. In spite of all this punishment Laws fought through the last round, giving as much as he got, but Barker was declared the winner and Laws was certainly a very game loser. In the same weight Dmr. Antcliffe of the FIFTH was beaten by Lce.-Cpl. Jones, 4th Hussars. Nobody could accuse Antcliffe of not taking the initiative in the fight, at the same time a better knowledge of defence might have saved him on this occasion.

Our two Welter-weight competitors were beaten in the first series, Lce.-Cpl. Catterick by Lce.-Cpl. McAllen of the 4th Hussars, and Fus. Stephenson by Pte. Clarkson of the 2nd Lincolns.

In the first series of the Middle-weights, Lce.-Cpl. Palmer met a very much bigger man than himself in Pte. Guiders of the 1st D.C.L.I. However, by superior tactics and excellent use of his left, he won the fight, but unfortunately damaged his right thumb.

Bdmn. Anderson, in the Bantam-weight, again demonstrated the great advantages of good foot work and had a comfortable victory over Tpr. Lowe of the 4th Hussars. The score at the end of the first evening stood :—FIFTH, 17; Lincolns, 17; 4th Hussars, 16; D.C.L.I., 12.

The second session opened with the second series of the Light-weights, in which Fus. Lawson was beaten by Bdmn. Garrett of the D.C.L.I. Fus. Lawson fought very pluckily, and took an awful lot of punishment before being knocked out in the third round. The fight between Fus. Phillips and Lce.-Cpl. Crutchley of the 4th Hussars was, perhaps, the most exciting of the whole meeting. It was clear from the outset that one or the other was bound to be knocked out. In the first round each of them was all but knocked out twice. In the second round, Fus. Phillips got a very heavy blow to the jaw, and was only saved by the bell. In the final round one can almost say that both the men were simultaneously "out" on their feet, but Crutchley was the first to fall to the ground and Phillips was the winner.

In the Middle-weights, Lce.-Cpl. Palmer, in spite of his damaged thumb, cleverly defeated Lce.-Cpl. Stallibrass of the 4th Hussars. He kept his head the whole time, and allowed Stallibrass to wear himself out in wild rushes.

Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock just managed to defeat Bdmn. Rise of the 2nd Lincolns by making a good recovery in the third round. His first two were not at all up to his true form.

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In the Light Heavy-weights, Fus. Mellis put up a very plucky fight against a bigger and more experienced boxer in Lce.-Cpl. Watts of the D.C.L.I. Dmr. Hayton of the FIFTH knocked out his opponent, Pte. Shields, Lincolns, in the first round.

For the opening of the final session the score stood at :—FIFTH, 27 ; 4th Hussars, 26 ; Lincolns, 26 ; D.C.L.I., 22.

The best fight of the meeting was that in which Bdmn. Harrison of the Lincolns defeated Fus. Hosker. Hosker was giving Harrison 17 years, and youth won. It was impossible for the average onlooker to forecast the result, until the referee gave his decision. Bdmn. Anderson beat Pte. Oscroft by

superior footwork, but not without taking a fair amount of punishment himself.

In the semi-final of the Feather-weights, Pte. Tomlinson of the Lincolns beat Fus. Barker. The latter spent the entire three rounds swinging for a knock-out with his right, and if only he had made use of his left on a few occasions would probably have won, as very few good points were scored on either side. At the same time one must add that several times Fus. Barker missed his opponent's point only by the fraction of an inch.

Pte. Resevear of the D.C.L.I. had to give in to Fus. Phillips owing to his thumb being damaged in the first ten seconds.

In the Middle-weights, Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock knocked out Lce.-Cpl. Palmer in the first round. After an interval, the finals took place, and in the six weights we had four finalists left in. The hardest hitting fight of the meeting was that between Lce.-Cpl. Watts, D.C.L.I., and Dmr. Hayton, FIFTH, who unfortunately lost after an extra round. Watts had the much longer reach and made good use of it. Hayton frequently scored by good body blows, which weakened his opponent. He adopted the only possible tactics in trying to rush his opponent and prevent him using his left.

The extra round was thoroughly exciting, and although Hayton floored his opponent twice, Watts gained a very well fought fight. Our next representative was Fus. Anderson, on whose victory over Harrison of the Lincolns largely depended the victory of the team. This fight alone was worth coming from Fyzabad to see. Both competitors were as fit as could be, although each of them had fought a hard fight earlier in the evening. Although Harrison forced the fighting, Anderson's very rapid scoring, when he did attack, made his points mount up. Again his excellent use of footwork saved him time after time, and on no occasion did his opponent get within striking distance without Anderson being prepared for him.

In the Light-weights, Fus. Phillips fought pluckily against a better boxer and a bigger man in Lce.-Cpl. Jones of the Lincolns, but was knocked out in the first round.

The last fight of the meeting was the final of the Middle-weights between Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock and Tpr. Haines of the 4th Hussars. In this fight Whitelock had his opponent at his mercy from the outset and knocked him out in the first round. The final points were :—FIFTH, 44 ; Lincolns, 41 ; 4th Hussars, 34 ; D.C.L.I., 27.

At the conclusion the Challenge Cup and prizes were presented by Col.-Commandant A. E. McNamara, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding the 19th (Indian) Infantry Brigade, after he had congratulated the FIFTH on their victory.

The Regiment now automatically represents the Brigade in the District Meeting at Meerut.

19TH (INDIAN) INFANTRY BRIGADE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

On 25th and 27th February, our Battalion Athletic Team took part in the Brigade Sports. The standard was considerably higher than that of last year, and in the 2nd Batt. The Lincolnshire Regt. we had opponents of a very different calibre to those of last year. Our defeat by their team cannot be regarded as a disgrace, and the winners had to make every effort to achieve success.

The finals in most events were contested almost solely between ourselves and the Lincolnshire Regt. The final points were as under :—2nd Batt. Lincolnshire Regt., 43 points ; FIFTH, 27 points ; Lucknow Auxiliary Force, 11 points ; 7th Bde. Royal Artillery, 7 points ; D.C.L.I., 6 points ; 4th Q.O. Hussars, 4 points.

19TH (INDIAN) INFANTRY BRIGADE CROSS COUNTRY RUN.

We entered a team for the Cross Country Run at Lucknow, on Saturday, 21st February. Unfortunately we had been training over 3 mile, and the Brigade run was $4\frac{3}{4}$ miles in length. The course was very difficult, the ground being cultivated in places, and consequently was very rough and uneven under foot.

The result was :—2nd Batt. The Lincolnshire Regt., 1,900 points ; 1st Batt. The D.C.L.I., 1,460 points ; FIFTH, 1,440 points.

Our first three men home were :—Lce.-Sgt. Wood, 1st ; Bdmn. Anderson, 2nd ; Cpl. Moran, 3rd.

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SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

We welcome to our midst our new Armourer-Sergeant, also of the kin—Adams—so the " misdeeds " of our previous "Tiffy" of that nomen might quite easily be shouldered in pedigree by his successor.

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A/Sgt. Larkman is also welcomed on appointment.

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Dances have been the bright feature of our social side of life during the past month. A really excellent soiree, held in honour of Sergt. and Mrs. Drummond, who are leaving us for civil life, and Sergt. and Mrs. Fitzgerald, on departure for the Depôt, was amongst the many good things which have been staged by our enthusiasts. On this night, in addition to some excellent music provided by the Band, we were indebted to Mrs. Green and Mrs. Brace for their assistance in vocal effort, and to Miss McLeod and Mrs. Hodsell for pianoforte accompaniment.

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Sergt. Drummond, who leaves us after over twenty years' service, enlisted as a boy in the Regiment, and has been closely identified with the Band for most of his service. He is best remembered as a regimental footballer of pre-war days. Touches of his brilliance with the ball are not lacking even now, for he is still an artiste that can fit into any good soccer side. He leaves to pension, with 18 years' service to count, with the best wishes of the W.O.'s, Staff Sergts. and Sgts. of the Batt. for his success in civil life.

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The dance held on the 11th March was made the occasion for a real gala night, when our kinsman, " Joe," on the eve of his departure for the 5th Batt., came in for a terrific handling from the gods. The Band were mightily energetic on this occasion, and their syncopation quite vied with the swaying efforts of the many bright lights that night.

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The return of Sergt. Dodds from leave to U.K. has been the signal for more rejoicing. With his usual score of news he keeps us interested in the latest from Depôt chat to his " 3-ton broadcaster."

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The Mess entered a team for the Hadi Hockey Cup, and after defeating the Station team in the first round by 2—0 we were humiliated by the Drums to the tune of 4—1.

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The Mess are indebted to Sergt. Thomas Hunter for a collection of antique writings handed down in the Mess Charges Book under the latent name of Sergt. Thomas Dodds.

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
24th April, 1925.

Our celebration of St. George's Day this year was very much more elaborate, and consequently more satisfying than in past years; the weather was glorious, and everything went off without a hitch. We reproduce the following excellent account from the *Evening Chronicle* of the Parade and Service in St. Nicholas' Cathedral :—

" ST. GEORGE'S DAY IN NEWCASTLE.

" St. George is the patron saint of the Northumberland Fusiliers, and it was fitting that they should be in the foreground of the stirring and impressive scenes by which Newcastle celebrated the Saint's Day. Roses red and roses white, the flower of England, were given out to the men of the Depôt, when they paraded at the Fenham Barracks prior to inspection by Major-General Sir Percy S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B. (formerly commanding the 50th Northumbrian Division T.A.), who took the salute under the banner of St. George, which floated from the flagstaff in the Barrack Square.

" The Fusiliers, wearing a red and a white rose on either side of the regimental badge in front of their khaki service cap, presented a very smart appearance in their khaki uniforms, with white belts and white gloves. The gloves were added for the first time in the case of an infantry regiment, and will in future form a part of the walking-out dress of the Fusiliers.

" The parade strength was about 150, and Major R. M. St. John Booth, D.S.O., officer commanding the Northern Depôt, was in command. Other officers on parade included Capt. C. Arkwright, M.C., Capt. D. E. F. Waight, M.C., Lieut. T. Bennett, M.C., Lieut. Watson, Lieut. P. H. Earle, and Lieut. and Quartermaster F. Wombwell, O.B.E.

" AT THE SOUTH AFRICAN MEMORIAL.

" Behind the Band of the 6th Northumberland Fusiliers (T.A.), under Bandmaster W. A. Crosse, the parade marched to the South African War Memorial, in Barras Bridge, where, in the presence of a large assembly of onlookers, Major-General Sir Percy Wilkinson placed a wreath on the memorial, the wreath being from the ' Officers, Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men of the Depôt, Fifth Fusiliers.'

" The wreath having been placed on the memorial, the buglers sounded the ' Last Post,' whilst officers stood at the salute and civilians uncovered their heads.

" ' Reveille ' quickly followed the ' Last Post,' and the parade then marched in column of route to St. Nicholas's Cathedral, by way of Northumberland Street, Pilgrim Street, Market Street, and Grey Street.

" There was a natural tendency on the part of relatives of men who served with the regiment in the war, to treat the Cathedral service as a memorial service, and the church was well filled by relatives of those who had been killed, as well as by relatives of men still serving. Many ladies brought red and white roses with them, and some of these were deposited in the Cathedral.

" Amongst those who awaited the arrival of the troops at the Cathedral were Lieut.-Colonel B. Cruddas, D.S.O., late Commanding Officer of the Depôt ; Colonel Ritson, Captain Leese, Adjutant of the 6th Northumberland Fusiliers, and many others who had been associated with the Regiment.

" CATHEDRAL SERVICE.

" The service was conducted by the Vicar of Newcastle, Canon G. E. Newsom, the lesson being read by the Rev. R. G. Cowie, C.F., of the Cathedral staff.

" The hymns were ' Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' and the Fusiliers' hymn written by Canon Gough, D.D., formerly Vicar of Newcastle, ' Saint George of Old the Dragon Slew.' This hymn was sung to the full accompaniment of the military band, as was also the National Anthem.

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"A wreath from the Regiment was placed by Sir Percy Wilkinson on the memorial window of the Northumberland Fusiliers' Regular Battalions, in the Cathedral.

"The Vicar of Newcastle delivered a homely address upon honour and honourable things. It was an honour to those associated with the Cathedral, he said, to have the Northumberland Fusiliers there, and they believed that the Fusiliers found themselves at home in that house of God. The memorials of the Fusiliers were abundant there : their meeting in the Cathedral was a kind of family occasion.

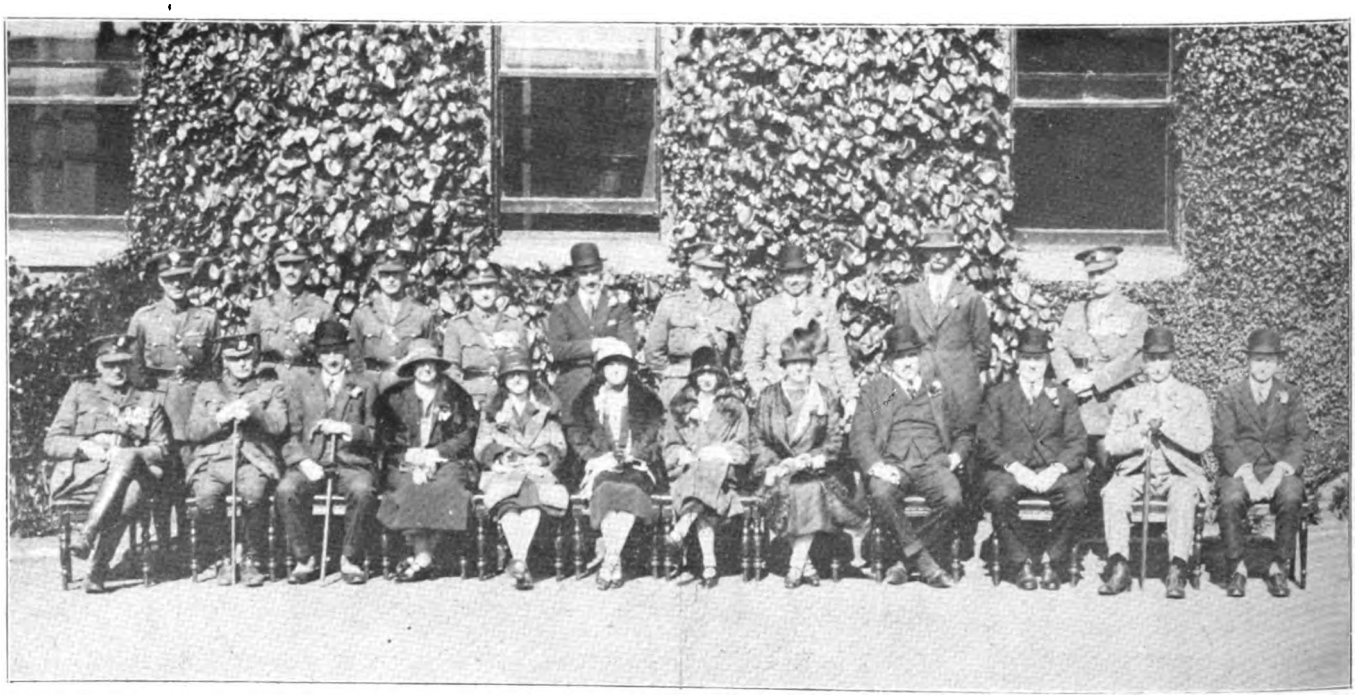
"He asked them to regard honour as a feeling of trust, a feeling which had made English men and women strong and brave.

"Were not the greatest traditions of the British Army based upon the trust of the soldier in his officer, of the officer in the soldier, and of the King in the whole of the forces ? This trust men of Newcastle and District who gave their lives in the cause of freedom.'

"The Lord Mayor, Alderman Walter Lee, who attended in his robes of office, then received from Sgt.-Major Hanchard, M.S.M., the civic offering—of red and white roses and white lilies on a wreath of laurel leaves, and bearing the inscription below the city arms :

ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1925
IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF OUR
GLORIOUS DEAD,
FROM THE LORD MAYOR, SHERIFF, ALDERMEN
AND COUNCILLORS, ON BEHALF OF THE
CITIZENS OF NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

"The large crowd outside the barriers bared their heads.



OFFICERS PAST AND PRESENT.
ST. GEORGE'S DAY, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, 1925.
(*Photo by E. Gosman.*)

was something to be proud of. So, too, was the trust of mother, father and sweetheart. Such trust was too precious to be betrayed.

"ELDON SQUARE CEREMONY.

"The scene in Eldon Square when the military and civic parties assembled round the memorial surmounted by the figure of St. George and the Dragon, was specially impressive. At the four corners of the raised base of the memorial stood four staff sergeants—Sgts. Allan, McCarthy, Gossage and Cogan—with arms reversed and heads bowed.

"Sir Percy Wilkinson saluted, and placed the wreath from the Regiment at the base of the memorial, which, as its inscription reminds us, was raised as a 'tribute of affection to the

Buglers sounded the 'Last Post,' followed after a silent interval by 'Reveille,' and the ceremonial closed with the playing of the National Anthem.

"Members of the civic party present, in addition to the Lord Mayor, were the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Walter Lee), the Sheriff and Lady Sheriff (Councillor and Mrs. John Grantham), and the Lord Mayor's Secretary (Mr. R. R. Wedderburn). The Consul for San Marino (Mr. R. H. Eddlestone) and Mrs. Beadon were also present.

"The city's distinguished visitors, representing the Argentine Republic, were amont those who witnessed the placing of the wreaths. There were laid at either side of the great circle of red and white roses and carnations which, with an inscription on panels of silk in the colours of the Argentine Republic, was

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reverently placed at the base of the memorial as his first thoughtful tribute upon arrival in the city of His Excellency, Dr. Don Jose Evaristo Uriburu, K.B.E.

"His Excellency and Senora Uriburu, the Consul-General, Don Ernest C. Perez, Senora Perez, the First Secretary of the Argentine Legation, Don Carlos Miguens, the Naval Attache, Captain of Frigate *Don Jorge A. Games*, Don Julian Duggan (Commercial Technical Attache), Don Adolfo Scilingo (attache), Dr. Don Fernando and Senora Klappenbach, were the other members of the Argentine party present, and with them were the Argentine Consul in Newcastle, Don Francisco Dato-Tessitore and Madame Montero de Dato."

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We must thank Col. A. D. S. Rogers, T.D., commanding the 6th Battalion, for allowing the band to play us through the City and accompany us in St. George's hymn in the Cathedral, and we must congratulate the bandsmen themselves on their excellent appearance and playing.

"COLOURS."

W.O. AND SERGEANTS' ST. GEORGE'S BALL, 1925.

(*Photo by E. W. Gosman.*)

After parade a photograph of Major-General Sir Percival Wilkinson and the whole Depôt was taken. The General then went round "dinners" in a dining hall which had been beautifully decorated by our Quartermaster and his staff. After a short talk on the importance of St. George's Day to the Regiment, the General wished everyone a happy day, and was replied to by three deafening cheers.

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The Commanding Officer and the Officers then entertained the General, the Deputy Lord Mayor of Newcastle-on-Tyne, the Deputy Lady Mayoress, and about forty guests to lunch in the Mess.

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At night the Warrant Officers and Sergeants held their St. George's Ball in the Gymnasium, which had been beautifully disguised and decorated with flags as a setting for the Colours and their Sentries. The Ball itself was the thorough success that it always is, and was a fitting ending to a St. George's Day which we are all convinced is the most successful that has yet been held at the Depôt.

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Telegrams were received throughout the day from the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions, and from the following past and present Fusiliers and friends:—Col. Ainslie, Major Allan and family, Brig.-Gen. Armstrong, Group Commdr. Bonham Carter, Miss Booth, Col. Dashwood, Capt. Higgins, Col. and Mrs. Gordon, Col. Head, Lt.-Col. Platt, General Sitwell, Col. Stewart, Major and Mrs. St. John, Col. Sturges, Mr. Thomas, Major Thornton, and Col. Turner, and Old Comrades Association, London.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

HEXHAM,
21st April, 1925.

This month's notes have a special significance, inasmuch as they will be the last to be penned at Hexham.

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Battalion Headquarters moves from here to the new Drill Hall at Newburn to-morrow, Wednesday, 22nd April.

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On Saturday, 25th April, the new Battalion Headquarters and Drill Hall of the Headquarters Wing, "W" and "X" Companies, will be opened by the Colonel of the Regiment—Major-General Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B.

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For the first time since the re-organisation of the Battalion after the war, we have attained the greatest strength of any Battalion in the Brigade. Well done, Newburn! to the energy and keenness of whose officers and other ranks is due this happy state of affairs. Recruiting is also bucking up in the other Detachments, and there seems no doubt but that we shall be fully up to strength before Camp.

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Our readers will miss the monthly sketches this time, but our indefatiguable contributor and artist has had his hands so full that he has had to postpone any further sketches until next month.

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Musketry and Drills are in full swing, and with St. George's Day parades, the opening of the new Drill Hall, the move of Battalion Headquarters, Week-end Exercises for Signallers and Machine Gunners, Courses and various other activities, we have all had our hands pretty full during the last month.

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Major-General F. A. Dudgeon, C.B., our Divisional Commander, has promised to attend the ceremony at Newburn on the 25th, and on the following day is visiting the rifle range at Ponteland.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

At last we are able to say definitely that we will occupy our new quarters on the 25th of this month, and by the time these notes are printed we will be fairly familiar with the geography

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of our new drill hall. As this will be read after the opening ceremony, we might say here that we hope all readers who were present enjoyed themselves.

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Whether the new palatial atmosphere of this detachment or the attraction of a Welsh coast camp is responsible for the recent swelling of our ranks, is difficult to say, but certainly we are well past strength, with a lot of newly enlisted fine, upstanding young men - good luck to them !

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Congratulations to Sergt. Warner, of " X " Coy., on the advent of a fourth child. At the present time we are forced to assume the masculine habit of referring to this child as " IT," but no doubt when some of Sergt. Warner's exuberance has worn off, we will be able to ascertain if " IT " is a future Fusilier.

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Mr. A. S. Todd is at present recuperating from pneumonia in some wild, unknown spot. However, with a bit of luck, he may return in time to participate in the various St. George's Day functions.

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We welcome Mr. O. A. Peters to this detachment on first appointment.

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On the 11th and 12th, " W " and " X " Companies held a week-end musketry camp at Ponteland. The weather was excellent, and they had all the ranges to themselves, but unfortunately only a comparatively small number of men attended. This was a great pity because a splendid opportunity was lost for the entire detachment to complete the Annual Course.

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On the Saturday, about 11.30 p.m., a weird looking arrangement came lumbering down the roads, gutters and wood tracks leading from the huts to the camp office. The ground was fairly squelchy and the air somewhat thick. The " Arrangement " was an officers' fatigue party vainly trying to night march by the stars.

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Mr. McLellan makes an excellent orderly officer on a dark and dirty night.

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Our C.O. and Adjutant turned up on the second day.

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Colonel Morant came a bit later and asked about the sand bags—but we won.

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The Officers in camp were :—Captains R. Wood, B. Peacock, W. Watson, Messrs. W. M. Gibson and A. McLellan.

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Our transport wallah, Sergt. Veitch, has returned from a Veterinary Course. He seems to know all about a horse's interior, and states that horseflesh is fine stuff to eat, provided one keeps one's eyes shut.

In reply to " Prudhoe " March notes, the Newburn artist would like to point out that the uniformity sketches were intended to cause a reshuffling of units. If C.Q.M.S.'s had been included in the drawings, the result might have been disastrous, in fact the units in question might have been entirely disbanded.

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We note that " Haltwhistle " divides its trained men into two categories :—(1) Ordinary trained men ; and (2) presumably extraordinary trained men. The Champion Company being what it is, we are very anxious to have a look at the second group.

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By the way, it is rumoured that " Quack-Mack " and the author of " The Parable of Esaliar the Centurion," in conjunction, are pursuing investigations at the British Museum as to the possibility of acquiring the " Fine Chariot." We feel that " Quack-Mack " could be trusted with the wheel of this vehicle with perfect safety.

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The officers of " W " and " X " Companies desire to extend their thanks to numerous Fusiliers of H.Q. Wing for their kind assistance at Ponteland Range on Sunday, 19th inst.

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At the present time a detachment commander's lot is " not a happy one," what with bad musketry turn-outs and uniformity, etc. ; the following queries have arisen :—

(1) What would be the appearance of O.C. " Prudhoe Guards," if he wore his own puttees ?

(2) Does the same Company Commander still lead flies astray ?

(3) If long residence in barbarous wilds leads one to acquire saddles for " chariots " ?

(4) If knickerbocker breeches are permissable receptacles for the transport of small parcels ?

(5) Is there any truth in the rumour that the original corduroy breeches worn by the commander of the " Hautwessel Halberdiers " at the battle of Nevilles Cross are still in existence ?

(6) If a public subscription has been opened by the black-buttoned warriors of Coundon, Page Bank, Byers Green, Messington and Binchester for the purchase of the above garment with a view to presenting it to the Society of Antiquaries ?

(7) Can concrete floors be rendered comfortable at a less cost than 8s. 8d. per head ?

(8) What is the maximum temperature (Fahrenheit) attainable by a senior subaltern's boiling blood ?

(9) If " W " Coy.'s religious studies are confined to the " Works of Artemus " ?

(10) Does blue pencil blur more than ink on a wet day ?

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

April, 1925.

With the exception of some recruiting the past month has been very quiet.

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We have secured 9 recruits so far, but the birth certificate trouble has prevented some of them from appearing in Part II. Orders as yet.

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Our preparation for camp proceeds in the normal way, and we commence to fire the Annual Musketry Course on the 25th instant.

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We shall have parties on the Haydon Bridge Range every alternate Saturday from now until we go to camp.

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We hope to be present at the Officers' St. George's Day dinner which is to be held at the County Hotel—our impressions and the after effects will be recorded next month. We hope our numerous friends will again foregather and help us to spend a pleasant evening.

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On the 25th inst. we hope to be accompanied by numerous troops from Haltwhistle to attend the opening of the new Drill Hall at Newburn. As we shall have spent the morning on the range it looks like being a busy day.

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Our efforts to get recruits at Haydon Bridge have been fairly successful so far, and we have great hopes of getting a whole platoon in the near future.

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Our tin-ring course is nearing completion, and it should help our training considerably when once the men get interested in it.

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

Training is in full swing at the "Guards" Headquarters, and has been facilitated by the addition of another hour's light.

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We are very busy preparing for the "pot hunt" which commences in June. The inclusion of an extra condition in the winning of the "pot" does not worry us, as we'll have to give certain companies a few points start, to make the competition more even.

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We, like Haltwhistle, are feeling rather lonely now that H.Q. has been removed to Newburn—but we feel that as a result our shooting will improve somewhat.

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On the 26th we are holding our Annual Church Parade in Prudhoe Parish Church. The offertory at this service will be given to the Scotswood Disaster Relief Fund.

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We regret that owing to the preparations now afoot for winning the Cup mentioned above, we are unable to write further.

Extracts from Part II. Orders—

4264239	Fus. E. Miller	Taken on strength of Battalion.
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4264270	Fus. T. Maguire	
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	Fus. J. Peel	Army Numbers not yet allotted.
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	Fus. G. H. See	
	Fus. J. F. Craddock	
	Fus. M. Yielder	
	Fus. S. Proud	

5TH BATTALION (T.A.) NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,

20th April, 1925.

Once again St. George's Day is approaching, and the numbers of invitations to various festive functions grow apace. If everyone attends every one of them the Newcastle-on-Tyne "army of occupation" will be *hors de combat* for some days after, but "Quo fata vocant" is a good motto.

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The Commanding Officer and the Adjutant and their respective wives are lunching at the Depôt of the Regiment on "The Day," at the kind invitation of Major Booth and the Officers. In the evening there is a Battalion Dinner at "Tilleys," and no doubt some of us will go on, if possible, to the St. George's Ball at the Depôt.

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On the 24th April there takes place our own St. George's Ball, and also the Aid Society Ball.

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The Annual Church Parade of the Battalion takes place on Sunday, the 19th April, after which a wreath is laid on the Walker War Memorial. The origin of a certain mistake in last month's notes has yet to be found. The writer disclaims responsibility, and no doubt the Editor and printer will also. But the inadvertent putting in of an extra "M" gives a weird effect to an otherwise distinguished collection of letters. It should have read "D.S.O., T.D., R.A.M.C.," but it did read "D.S.O., T.D., R.M.A., M.C."

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Captain R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C., the late Adjutant of the Depôt, very kindly consented to give us a lecture on the Colours and Regimental History on the 14th April. He gave us a very excellent lecture, and should have done much to make the post-war soldier realise his great responsibilities in keeping up such a marvellous record. We are sorry Captain Trenam has left the Depôt, as he always showed great interest and sumpathy in and with us, and took great pains to make the various Depôt Courses interesting. We have no doubt that his successor will continue the good work, and we have hopes of seeing Captain Trenam in these parts again before long. There is a rumour——?

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Major A. E. Salt, A.E.C., Northern Command, gave us a very excellent lecture on the "Pacific Questions" last month, which opened our eyes to the complicated considerations which our

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politicians have to deal with ; a similar lecture to some of these latter might be useful.

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Company Commanders go to Alnmouth on the 25th/26th April, for a tactical exercise, which will include problems on detraining, landings, etc.

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
26th April, 1925.

The date on which these notes are being penned makes us stop and think and reminds us how quickly time is slipping away, and it is difficult to realise that 10 years have passed since the Battle of St. Julien, when the Battalion "received its baptism of fire."

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And what an ordeal it was !—just like a Rugger forward rush with the ball well under control but everyone all out. It was bad luck not to get the touch down and to be held up on the line of the Village, but what a price those advance forwards had to pay.

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May the names of the Van Guard who never returned, including George and Howard Hunter, Garton, Noble, Mortimer and Bowden, always be remembered on this great day for the Battalion, and serve as an inspiration and example for all present and future Fusiliers.

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It is the least we can do to think of them to-day, to cherish their memory and try and live up to the standard of self-sacrifice they set for King and Country and for the Battalion.

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Last week we celebrated the Patron Saint of the Regiment in the usual befitting style.

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In the rush and worry of daily life we are rather apt to pursue the even tenour of our way without a pause for romance.

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In a 5th Fusilier Battalion this is an impossibility. There is something indefinably inspiring in this annual celebration of our Patron Saint. It brings out so strikingly the wonderful *esprit de corps* of the FIFTH, all petty differences disappear, everybody and everyone is *couleur de rose*. From Commanding Officer to last joined recruit, all feel they are Fusiliers—all feel they have a tradition to uphold, and to do anything unworthy of the Regiment seems almost an impossibility. Yes, the spirit of the annual gathering is a marvellously inspiring thing, and it appeals to us as Territorials just as much as to our good friends, the 1st and 2nd Regular Battalions, to whom we at all times look, and not in vain, for help and guidance.

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In connection with the above-mentioned celebrations, the route march was cancelled, owing to the downpour, but there was a fair muster for Church parade on the Sunday, when Canon Boot preached the sermon, and the officers afterwards entertained their friends to lunch in the Mess.

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On St. George's Day a wreath was placed on the City and our own memorials, and a Mess Dinner took place in the evening, followed by a Sergeants' Dance at the Grand Assembly Rooms.

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Our sergeants understand how to "do things," and the ball was voted a great success.

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On the 24th April, a St. Julien Reunion Dinner was held at the Drill Hall, at which Major J. L. Lovibond, T.D., presided. Owing to the dance to support the Fusiliers' Aid Society being held on the same night, at which all our officers were present, it was impossible for any of us to be there, but we understand an enjoyable evening was spent and we hope it will become an annual affair.

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Training is still proceeding with vigour, and week-end and musketry camps are the order of the day.

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We have to announce that another Company Commander has made the dive into the waters of Eternal Bliss. Capt. F. C. Clayton, M.C., has announced his engagement to Miss Mildred Webb-Bowen. Hearty congratulations and deep plots are now in course of construction for a celebration of the event in Fusilier fashion in due course.

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We were very glad to have Major and Mrs. Macintosh Gordon with us for St. George's Day. We will never forget our debt to Major Gordon in the reconstruction of the Battalion after the war. Although a Gordon Highlander, he is really a Fusilier, and his charming wife, by her interest in the Battalion and her unique personality, has captured all hearts.

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Just as we go to press we hear the news that Cadet E. Humpish and Cadet J. France, of the 1st Cadet Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers, who are attached to this Battalion, have won the Individual National Boxing Championship Medals in the Light and Fly Weights respectively. The final rounds were fought out on the 31st March at the Drill Hall of the 1st City of London Regiment, and the form put up by these cadets, we are told, was of the highest class.

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Cadet J. France also won the Sir John Fitzgerald Cup in the Junior Organisation Councils competition on the 11th March, 1925.

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Hearty congratulations to these cadets, and to their Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. G. S. Clayton, D.S.O., who is doing a great work with these cadets. May we, one day, welcome Cadets Humpish and France into our ranks : these are the type of recruits we want.

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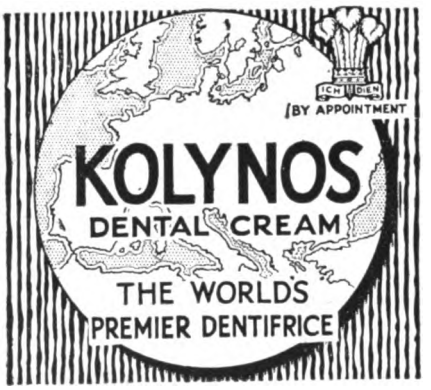

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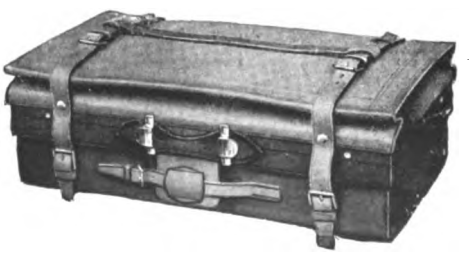

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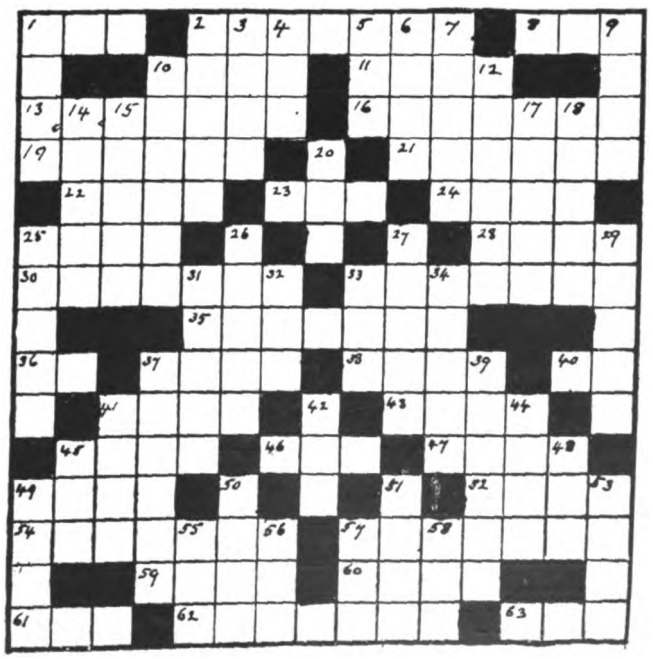

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ACROSS.

1. Unit
2. Sounding
8. Point of the compass
10. Periods
11. Wet earth
13. Badly done
16. Smear
19. Trios
21. Conductor
22. Measure
23. Immature
24. Story
25. Beverage
28. Nuisance
30. Waits
33. Leech
35. Poetic truncation
36. Exclamation
37. Smooth
38. Small things
40. Postal district
41. Vehicle
43. Liquify
45. Mix
46. Animal
47. Actual
49. Plant (used for pigment)
52. God of love
54. Unsophisticated
57. Strive
59. Certain
60. Expressing sorrow
61. Pronoun
62. Colossal figures (architecture)
63. Animal

DOWN.

1. Eject
2. Helmet
3. Singles
4. Cash
5. Scion
6. African river
7. Pasture
9. Excrescence
10. Issue
12. Evade
14. Plan
15. Town in Southern India
17. Gowned
18 Obliterate
20 Legal expression
25 Pertaining to Gath
26. Slacked
27. Flower
29. Habit
31. No time
32. Evil
33. Tool
34. Join
37. Cuts off
39. Rests
41. Beetle
42. Tree
44. Weed
45. Heir
48. Quantity
49. Desire
50. Entice
51. Game
53. Despatched
55. Fruit
56. Fish
57. English river
58. Adult

AGAINST THE LAW.

She : "Why don't you use some of your German marks to light your cigarettes ? "

He : "Can't. They're not legal tinder in this country."

EARLY TRAINING.

Six-year-old Walter's patience was at an end.

"Mother," he demanded, "don't you want baby sister to be a good wife when she grows up ? "

"Of course I do, dear."

"Well, then, why don't you start her right ? You keep giving her my playthings just because she's a girl an' littler'n me, but you're a lot littler'n daddy, an' yet every night when he comes home, you jump up out of the armchair an' get his slippers an' his magazine an' everything."

Before his surprised mother could frame a reply Walter swooped down and tore his favourite toy from the hands of the screaming baby.

"She'll be a turrible wife if we don't begin to train her." was his parting shot as he strode from the room, his treasure under his arm.

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We understand that our Second-in-Command has been trying to qualify for the vacant post of Transport Officer to the Battalion, and considers that the fact that he won the Heavy Weight at the recent Morpeth "point to point" on his own horse "Pepper," is sufficient qualification for the post. Personally we have our doubts, but his performance at any rate confirms the trite maxim, "that weight will tell."

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
27th April, 1925.

As a change from the ordinary efficiency drills, there has, as usual, been the Detachment dances and church parades in celebration of St. George's Day.

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The Amble Company started the ball a-rolling on Thursday, 16th April, when as usual at this station everything went with a fine swing to the music of Brizlee's band from Alnwick.

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Berwick's turn came on Wednesday, 22nd, when a great success was again scored. The hall had been very tastefully decorated by Sergt.-Instr. Loder and members of the Committee. Dancing commenced with the grand march to the strains of the Regimental March, and it was led off by Capt. E. D. Mackay and Mrs. Loder. The duties of M.C.'s were enacted by Capts. Mackay and McCreath, Sgts. Loder and Knox. It was pleasing to see parties from Alnwick, headed by R.S.M. Rowsell, from Amble with Sgt.-Instr. Cole as representative, a goodly party from the Chatton Army under Sgt. R. White, and several members from the Depôt K.O.S.B.'s Sergeants' Mess, and also for the first time a party from the Coldstream Detachment, 4th K.O.S.B. (T.A.). Besides the Officers of the Detachment, there were also present: Bt.-Col. W. B. Mackay, C.M.G., T.D., late R.A.M.C.; Major Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O.; Lieut. and Adjutant Watt, M.C.; Lieuts. Vans Agnew and Kennedy, Depôt K.O.S.B.; Lieut. Darling, 4th K.O.S.B.; and Capt. P. W. Maclagan, M.C. (M.O.).

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Alnwick Detachment promoted another successful function in the Northumberland Hall on Thursday, 23rd, when some 180 Fusiliers, past and present, attended. Brizlee's Band was in attendance, and Lieut. and Quartermaster Adlard, M.M., and R.S.M. Rowsell, M.S.M., performed the duties of M.C.'s to perfection. Refreshments were in the capable hands of a ladies' committee consisting of Mrs. Rowsell, Mrs. Adlard, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Davison, Misses Stott, Tarbit, Adamson and Craik. Among the Officers who attended were Capt. T. Appleby, Lieuts. T. Ledgerwood, J. H. Green and V. W. Brown.

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Church parades were held on the tenth anniversary of St. Julien, *viz.* Sunday, 26th April, by the Morpeth, Ashington and Berwick Companies. The Battalion Band attended at Ashington on this occasion. Capt. Watson had extended an invitation to the local Urban District Council, but by a small majority its members decided to decline. Their example, however, had no effect on Ashington's keen soldiers.

At Berwick there was a splendid muster under Capt. Mackay, the local Company of the 5th Cadet Batt. 5th Fusiliers, being also present under C Lieut. T. W. Boal. The Mayor and Sheriff had accepted the Company's invitation to attend, and the parade escorted them, along with the Magistrates, Town Councillors, Guardians, etc., to the Parish Church, where the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. de la Hey) was the preacher, and the Lessons were read by Col. Mackay and Major Smail. To pipe music by Piper Heckles, late Scots Guards, and Cadet Heckles, the whole parade marched to the War Memorial, where Col. Mackay reminded the assemblage of the stirring doings of the Battalion ten years ago and urged the younger soldiers on parade to live up to its fine traditions. The closing incident was the placing of wreaths at the base of the Memorial.

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For their second regimental exercise the Officers made their headquarters at the Cottage Hotel, Wooler, on the night of the 4th instant. The scheme prepared took them to Chatton on the Sunday morning, but just after an hour in the open the weather broke down and the party returned to the hotel to complete the other solutions. There was again a good attendance, comprising Col. Wright, Majors Smail and Chenevix-Trench, Capts. Cowen, Watson and Mackay, Lieuts. Ledgerwood, Dargie and Adlard, 2nd-Lieuts. Fuller, Robson and Brown.

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Sergt. Coulthard and Cpl. Wakenshaw, from the Machine Gun Platoon, attended the 149th Brigade tactical exercise in the vicinity of Newcastle on Saturday and Sunday, 25th and 26th instant.

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Congratulations to R.S.M. Rowsell and Sgt.-Instr. Loder on being permitted to extend their service with the Battalion for a year.

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Ex-Officers and N.C.O.'s of "D" (Amble and Berwick) Company, 1/7th Battalion, attended their St. Julien dinner at the Sun Hotel, Warkworth, on Saturday, 25th, when the event was such a success that it was decided to make the event an annual one. Lieut. and Quartermaster W. Casey, M.M., late R.S.M., was in the chair, and others present were Lieut.-Col. H. Liddell, D.S.O., M.C.; Major V. Merivale, M.C.; Capt. E. C. Fenwick-Clennell, M.C.; Lieut. V. C. Roberts, R.S.M. T. H. Hall (at present R.Q.M.S.), R.Q.M.S. Balmbra, C.Q.M.S. C. J. Turner, Sergts. B. Riddell, R. Mills, J. Lennon and D. McGowan.

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Here are the solutions to the Clues to the Cross Word Puzzle published in the March issue :—

Across.—1, go ; 2, BB ; 4, the ; 7, if ; 9, beer ; 11, Shem ; 13, Ernes ; 14, chide ; 15, yam ; 16, one ; 18, Ulric ; 19, enemy ; 21, at ; 22, set ; 24, era ; 25, A.D. ; 27, tie ; 30, tied ; 33, Fifth ; 34, ergo ; 36, Arras ; 38, tec ; 39, float ; 40, Borneo ; 42, poetic ; 43, Sniders ; 45, haughty ; 46, Babel ; 48, i.e. ; 50, guy ; 52, war ; 53, far ; 55, as ; 57, fop ; 59, tic ; 60, Og ; 61, to ; 62, Fusiliers ; 63, no.

Down.—1, gnu ; 2, Beryls ; 3, Benares ; 5, shiners ; 6, Oedema ; 8, feu ; 9, be ; 10, remit ; 11, shone ; 12, me ; 17, Cantabs ; 20, idiotcy ; 23, fifes ; 26, herring ; 27, tit ; 28, etc. ; 29, brother ; 31, iron ; 32, dandruff ; 34, elegiacs ; 35, gait ; 37, see ; 39, fou ; 41, orb ; 42, pal ; 44, saw ; 45, her ; 47, ball ; 49, fat ; 51, you ; 53, fir ; 54, ago ; 56, so ; 58, P.S. ; 59, te ; 60, on.

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We call attention to the Cross Word Puzzle Competition published in this issue. There is a good sporting offer to yon all—a Pound for a shilling if you get it right, and all your bobs go to a good cause, viz. The Northumberland Fusiliers Aid Society. If you want extra copies send for them with a stamped addressed envelope.

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We received telegrams containing good wishes on St. George's Day from the 2nd, 4th and 7th Battalions and from the Depôt.

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LAZY ARKANSAS.

A family moved into Arkansas, and as they had been accustomed to keeping everything under lock and key, they brought their locks with them. Having a substantial-looking tool-house, the head of the family put a big lock on the door.

The neighbours for miles around dropped in to look them over, but seemed to be in a hostile frame of mind after one visit. Finally a delegation of leading farmers called on the man of the house.

"Why did you move among us if you thought we were as bad as you try to make out ?" they asked.

"Bad ? Why, I have the best kind of opinion of you people."

"Well, then, why do you lock your tool-house ? Don't you know that nobody in Arkansas ever stole anything to work with ?"

TYNESIDE HUMOUR.

THE MIRACLES OF WIRELESS.

A little friend of mine, six years of age, was bouncing a ball the other day when I called to him "Come along, Johnny, the kiddies' hour is just beginning and I am going to let you hear it." Looking up with an air of superiority, he replied : "Get oot, it's ma granfeyter that dotty on that part, not me."

BAD MEMORIES.

A discussion took place at the club about bad memories. One man declared his brother was the limit as far as memories went. "My brother," said he, "was cycling to work th' other mornin', when he happened to fall off his bike. He gets up, and whaat dis he de but waak on te work, and forgot aa'll aboot his bike !" "That's nowt," chimed in a second member. "Ma Mate eftor gettin' into bed th' other neet wakes his owld chep up that he was sleeping against. Says he to his fethor 'Hev ye a match ?' 'A match ! Whaat de ye want wiv a match ?' 'Oh,' says ma mate, 'Aa just want a leet te see if Aa blew that candle oot !'"

DOUBLE MEANING.

"What is the fare ?" inquired an old lady of the cabby as she got out of the cab at her destination. "Half a crown, mum," was the prompt reply. "Well, here is one and sixpence. I'm not such a fool as I look." "No, I wish you were, mum !" said the cabby.

DIGESTED.

The wife of a miner, going out for the afternoon, left her husband's dinner, which was a steak pudding, boiling. On returning home in the evening she inquired : "Was thy dinner aall reet, Bill ?" "Aye, lass !" "Did thoo tyek th' cioth off ?" "Why, wes there yen on ?"

AMERICAN ITEMS.

THE RULE OF CONTRARY.

Mrs. Mumps : "How's you ever get that paint on your dress, Mrs. Minns ?"

Mrs. Minns : "I was leaning over Sandy's fence."

Mrs. Mumps : "But Sandy has a notice up—'Wet Paint.'"

"Yes. I saw that ; but everybody knows that he never tells the truth."

THE STRANGER'S LUCK.

"Friend," said Cactus Joe to the stranger in Crimson Gulch, "you have held four of a kind three times, a royal flush twice, an' several ace fulls."

"Lucky, I call it."

"You're luckier than you think. The boys here is willin' to let you go your way intact provided you start immediately. There won't be any gunplay unless you linger. The big luck for you is the fact that you happen to pick 'Safety First' week for your performance at this here card table."

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"Quo fata vocant."

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Major R. M. Booth	,, 2/26	T. E. Bland	*Bound Volume*
Mrs. Williams	,, 2/26	P.R.I., Depôt ..	*Gazettes*
Lady Bertha Dawkins ..	,, 4/26	P.R.I., 1st Batt. ..	*Gazettes*
Mrs. Kilgour	,, 4/26		

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following appointment is made :—

Spec. Appt. (Cl. FF).—Capt. T. M. Scanlan, M.C., North'd. Fus., from empld. Requisitions and Hirings (Cl. FF) (dated 1st March).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Quartermaster and Lieut. W. Myers, M.C., D.C.M., is granted the rank of Captain (dated 1st May).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

5th Batt. Capt. H. C. Dodds, from the Active List, to be Captain (dated 29th April, 1925).

The following to be 2nd-Lieutenants :—

5th Batt.—A. C. Spencer, late Cadet Royal Grammar School, Newcastle, Contingent Junior Division O.T.C. (dated 4th May, 1925).

Officer Cadet E. C. Vardy, from Durham University Contingent, Senior Division, O.T.C. (dated 13th May).

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

WAHN CAMP,
May, 1925.

Before this number of the *Gazette* appears in print we shall be scattered to the four winds, and the Fifth Fusiliers will have brought to a close postively their last company training period on the Wahn Training Area.

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In the first week in June, "W" and "Z" Companies go on a company march, finishing at Solingen, where they remain for five weeks in relief of the York and Lancaster Regiment. The remainder of the Battalion moves back to barracks and finds 60 garrison employ, High Commissioner's Guard at Coblenz, G.H.Q. Guard, etc., etc. And so the "Riddle of the Rhine"—*i.e.*, how to maintain and train any sub-unit except during actual training in camp—again presents itself.

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In July the Rhine Army Sports and the Small Arms Meeting take place, and it is difficult to see how any systematic training can be done before then, which will result in the best representative teams being sent to compete in the best possible condition.

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The move from Leidenhausen took place on 2nd May, after a large advance party had been busy for a week beforehand scavenging the camp. It was sadly in need of cleaning, as it had not been occupied by British troops since last summer.

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Company Training has gone on very much as usual, so far in perfect weather. In three weeks, during actual training hours we have had one shower of rain, and the remainder of the time it has been hot and sunny, and everyone looks very fit and sunburnt. We have found a new problem for study by the higher command—*i.e.*, how, on "silent" night operations, to prevent a company, when wearing gas masks, from making a noise like a school of hippos, which can be heard and recognised a mile away.

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We have to be clear of the training area early in the afternoon, and after we leave it, it is at the disposal of the French. In the afternoons and evenings we are intrigued at the sight of our gallant, but alas! impecunious (?) allies exploding daily, several hundred pounds' worth of bombs from hordes of expensive aeroplanes on the same area; such, indeed, is their state of destitution, that, if on company night operations we use an extra Verry light, we are invariably assailed by feelings of the deepest shame at our wanton extravagance, in face of such dire and obvious poverty in the neighbouring camp.

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We are again seized with self-reproach at the thought of our own blatant display of wealth when, on going to Cologne we see our late enemies, downtrodden and wallowing in poverty, spending their paltry tens of thousands on laying out parks and gardens, or jolting along in their insignificant six-cylinder cars, and it pains us to think that at home there should be any section of the people who, only too ignorant of the real state of these poverty-stricken nations, should dream of mentioning the word "debts," or even hint at burdening them with any

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payment to swell our groaning coffers. Enough! The idea is too horrible to imagine!

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The Inter-Company Catch-weight Tug-of-War was pulled off in camp, and resulted in a win for "X" Company, who won through being more trained than other teams and through having in Sergt. Blakey the best tug-of-war coach in the Battalion. The names of the winning team are as follows:—Lce.-Sgt. Hurt, Lce.-Cpl. Gooding, Fus. Chambers, Capt. Pemberton, Lce.-Cpl. McGarry, Fus. Thompson, Fus. Mason, Lieut. Bolster, Lieut. Newstead, C.Q.M.S. Scally.

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The following was the draw:—

"B" } "Z" } "Z" } "X"
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"A" } "A" }
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— "X" } "X" }
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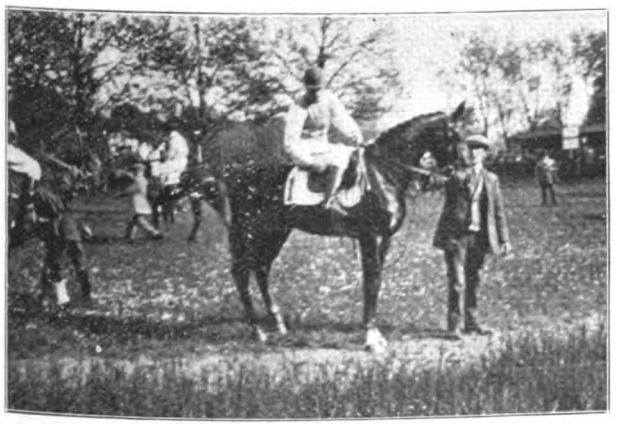
We were all delighted at Mr. Seth-Smith's win on Paulo at



MR. SETH SMITH AND "PAULO."

the Cologne Gymkhana Club Races on 9th May. He thereby creates a record as being the first officer of the Regiment to win a race at one of these meetings, and he thoroughly deserves his success as a reward for his enthusiasm.

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Paulo is to run again shortly in a French meeting at Dusseldorf, and it is popular opinion among "the fancy" that further successes await him this season.

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We were glad to welcome Capt. Chipper, who has arrived after completing a tour in the Dark Continent with the Nigeria Regiment.

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The African section in the Mess is pretty strong now, and he and Major Critchley-Salmonson and Mr. Newstead are often to be seen sitting together, discoursing darkly of safaris, kudus (greater and lesser) Swahilis, and other strange things they have shot (at).

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Sometimes they appear to pine for all kinds of quite unnecessary discomforts which do not happen to be at hand in our luxurious camp at Wahn. One of them even went so far as to say that he longed to be in a country where he could really enjoy his beer—a country in which at the end of the day you would cheerfully give 5s. each for three bottles of beer, and only be able to get one. My Lord Ivapole advised him to see a doctor at once.

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Hearty congratulations to Capt. Myers on his promotion.

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Colonel Herbert left us on 14th May to attend a course at the senior officers' school, and will be away some three months.

POLO NOTES.

Our four polo players, in spite of musketry and training, have been fortunate enough to play regularly.

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The "Marienburg Stiffs," Col. Herbert, Commander Wynter, Mr. Seth-Smith and Mr. Bolster, were unlucky in drawing the winning team in the first round of the Spring Tournament.

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It is very unfortunate that Col. Herbert should have to go to England for three months in the middle of the polo season. His departure is a great loss to the other players in the Regiment, who hope that he may return in time for more polo towards the end of the season.

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The above are the official polo notes, submitted by one of the players at the request of the 1st Battalion sub-Editor. The following suggested revised version was received anonymously:—

> "In spite of the advent of the polo season, Mr. Seth-Smith, Mr. Bolster and Mr. Macmullen have on occasions been able to visit their companies during the annual company training period. The extent of the beneficial effect of these visits cannot be over-estimated. Suffice it to say that the unanimous opinion of their respective company commanders is that, whilst fully appreciating the effort which it must cost them to visit their companies at such a distance from the polo ground, they still wish they could see more of them.
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> "The 'Marienberg Stiffs' were exceedingly fortunate to meet the eventual winners in the first round of the Spring Tournament, as this enabled them to say that they were really the next best team in the competition.
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> "It is very unfortunate that Col. Herbert should have to go to England. They will be 'stiffer' than ever without him."

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So many well-tried institutions of the Rhine Army have been closing down of late, that it is with the deepest regret that we announce the recent closure of two famous bachelor clubs, the Hebbels and the Oofa. Both of these clubs had extensive memberships among the bachelors of Cologne, and though their closing is regretted in most quarters, it is good news to hear that a new and exclusive bachelor club is shortly to open at Solingen.

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THOUGHTS ON READING A DAILY STATE OF NUMBERS AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING AT WAHN.

How idly must the mornings pass
For members of that leisured class
Who starting at, say, half-past nine,
In fuggy offices recline,
Compiling states and odd returns,
From which the proper person learns
How many men are on parade,
Or what each soldier must be paid.

Or let us take the P.R.I.
How dreamily his hours go by !
He breaks his fast in lonely state
(He can afford to breakfast late),
Then, having scanned the daily press
For twenty minutes, more or less,
He wanders towards his office chair—
Sometimes, if hot, he motors there.

His daily task is now begun
(It wants but half-an-hour till one) :
The dining halls are first inspected,
Tin plates are counted, waste detected ;
The diet sheet is carefully read,
" Roast meat, potatoes, cheese and bread "
Those dreary hours from ten till one
Are finished now, his work is done.

The R.S.M.'s another case—
He has those weary hours to face,
He simply can't begin till one ;
By 3 p.m. his day is done.
At one the orderly sergeants rush
Non-stop, p'raps, from the Geisterbusch ;
Next, orderly room at half-past two,
And after that what can he do ?

Far many more I might relate
Who drift in this appalling state :
For instance, all C.Q.M.S.'s,
Who mess around their company messes
Must be included in my tale
Of men like Colour-Sergeant G——e,
Who stay in camp some business feigning
Instead of going out on training.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

May, 1925.

" Life is made worth while," owing to the ever-present " something to look forward to."

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I begin this month's notes in this fashion, because circumstance prompts me to do so.

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While at Leidenhausen we were looking forward to the change which " training " would offer, and now that we are at Wahn, with training nearing completion, we look forward to Coblenz, Longerich, Delbruck, Garrison duties in Cologne, and the like.

Truly spake the seraph, " It never rains, but it pours."

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However, to pass on :—During the month the caterer's stock has time and again been replenished.

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The demand for cooling drinks (caused by the extremely sultry weather) has been enormous. With regard to the weather, some idea of it will perhaps be gleaned, when we report that our " old chutney punchers "—late of Peshwar, Gharial and Pindi—have actually been heard to say, " Aint it 'ot ! " or " Lummy—Blast ! this 'eat 'll be the death of me."

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The C.Q.M.S.'s, under the able scroungership of W.P.C., are having the time of their sweet young lives.

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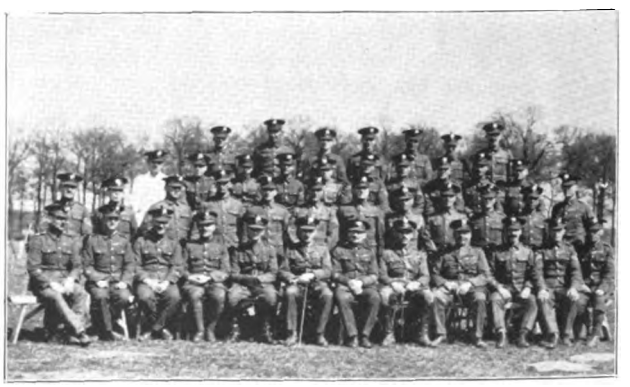
What their business is, and where their labours are exerted, one cannot say—sufficient it is, however, that a Soup-ladling



SERGEANTS, 1ST BATTALION.
ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1925.

Competition has been arranged, and will take place at a time and place to be appointed by W.P.C.

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As I sit at my window—(it is Friday—nice day for troops, black mark in Heaven for C.Q.M.S.'s)—I hear P. S. :—

P. S.—" Now, you fellows, don't get trying to cut me off by the ankles when you roll up for your soup after Night Ops."

And I hear J. L. :—

J. L.—" Now, then, Ridder, what d'yer think yer on, like ? "

And I hear M. L. :—

M. L.—" See the Major ! See the Major ! ! he's got the key of the safe—I haven't. Anyway, what did you do with the rentenmark I gave you at paytime ? "

And I hear W. P. C. :—

W. P. C.—" GET OUT ! GET OUT ! ! GET OUT ! ! ! ? * * ? ? ? ? "

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Ah ! gentle voices stealing through the breeze. What romance ! what romance there is in the sweet, mellow tones of the voice of a C.Q.M.S. !

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We welcome to our midst the undermentioned who arrived during the month :—

C.S.M. M. Mellors, from 5th Batt.
C.Q.M.S. H. J. Allen, from Depôt.
Sergt. G. Finnamore, from Depôt.
Sergt. F. Hetherington, from 2nd Batt.
Sergt. A. Ingham, from 2nd Batt.
Sergt. P. Moore, from 2nd Batt.
Sgt.-Dmr. J. Hebbron, from British West Africa.

We extend to them our kindest regards, and wish them a pleasant stay with us.

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We are pleased to report that R.S.M. G. Pullan, D.C.M., has now recovered from his recent illness, and we hope that he continues to enjoy good health.

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We regret to state that Sgt. S. Curtis left us during the month for a tour of duty at the Depôt. We would like to inform him through these columns that eggs are still as plentiful as ever. We wish him the best of luck and a safe return.

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Knobby Clarke's tip for the Derby :—" Cross Bo' " (Boss)—Both ways. NAP ! ! !

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We wish to congratulate Lieut. and Quartmr. W. Myers, M.C., D.C.M., on his promotion to Captain and Quartermaster. As an old member—Long may he reign.

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School for the coveted " 1st C.C." has commenced, and many of our members are " swotting."

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Events in this direction, in fact, are moving so rapidly that by the possession of " information—vegetable, animal and mineral "—the Army will soon have more " modern Major-Generals " than can be coped with.

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The schoolmaster tells me that for the first four nights he vowed and declared he had never had charge of so intelligent a class, until, in answer to the question, " Who saved the guns at Inkermann ? " fifty replied, in a plaintive voice, " Not me, Sir."

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" This " W. P. C. says—" wrenched the base out of it."

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In conclusion, we append an account of our St. George's Day celebrations. It had been arranged previously to bring the married families from Cologne to have luncheon and tea with us, and they arrived at 11.45 a.m. At this time the Regimental Sports were in full swing, and at 1 p.m. lunch was served. Whilst the ladies and children took their seats a photograph of members was taken, and the Commanding Officer, Second-in-Command, Adjutant and Quartermaster kindly consented to their inclusion in the group.

During tea and afterwards the Band played a very enjoyable programme of music.

At 7 p.m. the cars were set in motion, and the women and children were taken back to Cologne, after (we hope) a very pleasant outing. At 8 p.m. a " Smoker " was held in the Mess, to which the Commanding Officer and Officers of the Battalion, as well as all Sergeants' Messes in camp, were cordially invited, and at which they attended.

Together we had a remarkably happy evening.

Owing to the indisposition of R.S.M. G. Pullan, D.C.M., he was unable to attend.

The Commanding Officer during the course of the evening mentioned how regrettable it was that the R.S.M. was not present, and among other toasts we drank to his speedy recovery.

Altogether we had a glorious day, the weather being ideal and the arrangements excellent.

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The best thanks of the Mess are due to C.S.M. S. Clark and the following committee :—Band-Sgt. A. H. McPherson, Lce.-Sgt. C. Chislett and A/S.Sgt. A. Taylor, for their efforts to provide a very good day for all.

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Space will not permit the publication of the lengthy programme which attended the " Smoker." There were many excellent turns, and our thanks go to the artistes who contributed.

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N.B.—There are no births to record this month.

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From a contemporary, *The American* :—

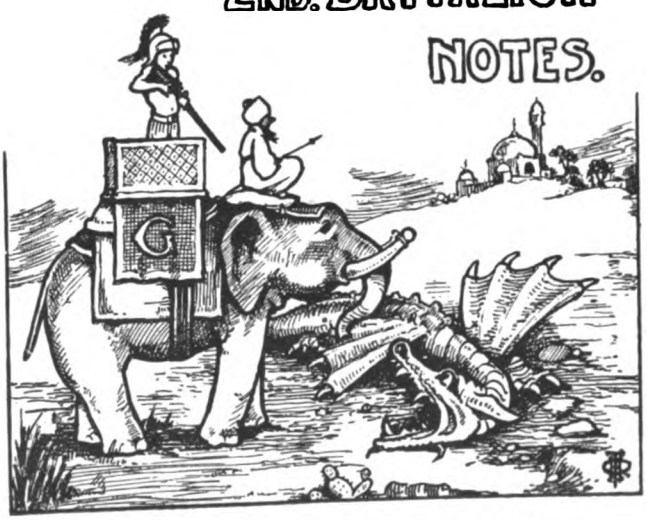
" The quilp is a floozie, and he is sure some flashy blong " (The girl is pretty, and he is fashionably dressed).

" She flopped for him like a shine for a water melon " (She fell in love with him like a nigger for a water melon).

A.H.M.

Late Wire.—Result of Soup-ladling Competition :—1st, P. S., 70 ladles per minute ; 2nd W. P. C., 68 ladles per minute; 3rd, M. L. 65 ladles per minute. Also ran, J.L. An objection was raised, but was overruled.—*Reuter.*

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



FYZABAD,

14th April, 1925.

Since the despatch of last month's notes, the final draft for this trooping season has arrived from the United Kingdom, and the following 2nd-Lieuts. have made a most welcome addition to the Battalion :—R. H. Hobbs, R. S. Surtees, J. K. C.

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Kingstone and D. C. Bucknall; whilst W. R. Jenney, Indian Army Unattached List, is attached to the Battalion for one year.

Their arrival was celebrated by a cricket match between old and young hands, of which the scores are given elsewhere. Mr. Jenney played a fine forcing innings for his 87 not out. Cpl. Churchill's bowling was excellent throughout, and his hat trick consisted of three really good balls, which hit the stumps in each case.

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The Officers' Mess is the richer by the gift by Colonel Sandilands, of his "History of the 23rd Division," containing a most scrupulously accurate account of the part taken by our 10th and 11th Battalions in the Great War.

His gift will be all the more valued because it was written

INDIAN MUTINY.
5TH FUSILIERS' INSCRIPTION ON THE LUCKNOW RESIDENCY MEMORIAL.

whilst the author was in his first year of Command of this Battalion, and must have entailed night after night of strenuous and accurate labour by one whose days were already sufficiently full.

Colonel Sandilands accompanied his book with a letter which will appeal to all who have the privilege of reading it. We only hope the author will find time at some future date to add one more to his labours of love and write the "History of the 2nd Battalion during the Great War.

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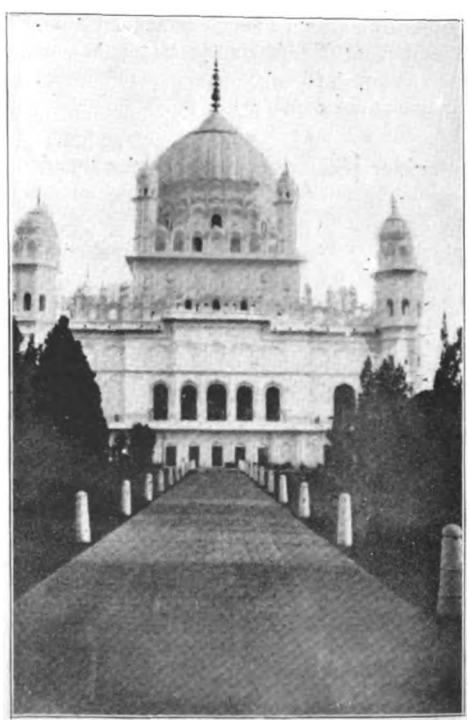
We sent two representatives to the All India Boxing Tournament. Bdmn. Anderson was unfortunately beaten in the first round by Fus. Pearce, Royal Welch Fusiliers. Our heartiest congratulations to Fus. Hosker, "D" Coy., on winning the medal and challenge belt in the finals of the Fly-Weight, and on earning well-merited praise in the Press accounts of the

INDIAN MUTINY.
MEMORIAL TO THE FIFTH IN THE LUCKNOW RESIDENCY.

fighting. It is understood that Hosker has his eye on another



BEGUM'S TOMB, FYZABAD.

championship in about 6 weeks' time.

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Our Bandmaster, Mr. Steffen, and his family go home this month on leave after 5½ years abroad.

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Our thanks are due to the Editor of *St. George's Gazette* for kindly returning the originals of cartoons by Fus. Allan which have appeared in recent numbers; it is intended to add them to the book of caricatures of the Battalion.

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The Brook Bond Cup was fired on the Fyzabad range on Saturday, 28th March. Team and scores appear elsewhere. The scores were disappointing on the whole.

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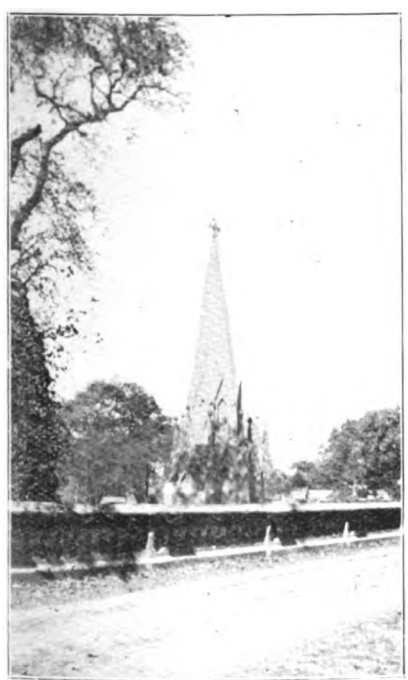
In the Company Shield, the Lewis Guns had several mechanical breakdowns, which reduced the totals considerably, but the



THE MEMORIAL FROM THE ROADWAY.

shooting of the riflemen showed a great improvement on last year's results.

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Major Foster has gone on a two months' leave in India and hopes to have some tall fishing yarns to tell on his return. His charger "Midget" has been loaned to the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Hobart, who recently had a bad fall from a stumbling horse and wished to have a steady but showy-looking mount to ride whilst his collar bone and shoulder were mending. Our only fear is that Mr. Hobart may not be up to "Midget's" weight.

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Dance engagements and other musical festivities are becoming so frequent that the C.O. has approved the formation of a volunteer Jazz Band to lighten the burden of the band and the pockets of their devotees. This will benefit equally the

THE RESIDENCY, LUCKNOW.

Band Fund, the Band and the performers in the Jazz Band, and will render it possible for more company dances to be held.

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It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the Commander-in-Chief in India, His Excellency General The Lord Rawlinson of Trent, at Delhi, after an operation for appendicitis.

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Lord Rawlinson died in harness, as he would have wished, at the end of his tour of office.

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The work of reconstruction of the Army in India after the

GRAVE OF GENERAL LAWRENCE, LUCKNOW RESIDENCY.

Great War fell on his shoulders, and he lived to see its completion.

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Devoted to his profession, and with the welfare of all ranks as his first care, his death is mourned by all. Lord Rawlinson looked so fit on manœuvres, where he spoke to several officers who were acting as umpires, and he played polo up to a short time before his operation.

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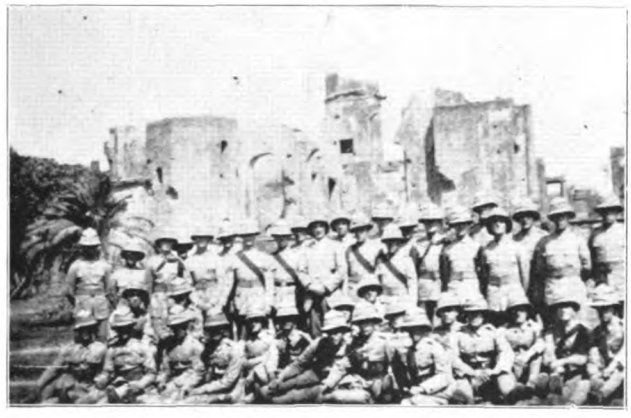
We very much regret to report the death of Fus. Baker of



A GROUP OF THE FIFTH AT THE RESIDENCY.

"B" Company, who died at Fyzabad on 7th April; and of Fus. Dacey of "C" Company, at Bombay, on 2nd April. Our sincerest sympathy is offered to the relatives of both men.

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A very pleasant game of football was played on Saturday, 11th April, between Officers and Fusiliers. The conditions were that both teams should either have over 9 years' or under

"C" COY.—NO. 10 PLATOON.

18 months' service with the Regiment. The Fusiliers were much better together as a team, but the large number of Officers under 1½ years' service gave the Officers side great advantage in pace, and the Officers won an amusing game by 4 goals to 2, after the Fusiliers had led at half time by 2 goals to 1. It

"G" COMPANY.
WINNERS OF TUG-OF-WAR, 1924–25.

is invidious to pick out any players as being above or below

"C" COMPANY'S ATHLETIC TEAM, 1924–25.

the high standard of their sides, but perhaps the two goalkeepers

"C" COY. 2ND-LIEUT. CLIFFORD'S PLATOON.

did more to assist in keeping the game level than anyone else.

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Misfortunes seldom come singly. On Monday, 13th (*dies irae*), Olver was badly kicked by his pony after polo. He was consequently knocked out for the time, but after a night in hospital made an extraordinary quick recovery and has escaped without any broken bones.

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On the same day a second authenticated case of small-pox in

"D" COY., 2ND BATT. FIFTH FUSILIERS.
WINNERS, BATT. RIFLE MEETING CUP.

Top Row.—Cpl. Richardson, Fus. J. Phillips, Fus. J. Thompson, Fus. G. Gresswell, Fus. G. Cross, Fus. R. Robinson, Fus. G. Richardson, Cpl. W. Edgar.
Seated.—Fus. T. Phillips, Fus. F. Marston (Grand Aggregate), Lce.-Sgt. Brown, Lieut. H. Flower, Sgt. J. Ashton, Cpl. W. Young, Fus. D. Morfitt.

the Battalion put an end to all thoughts of holding St. George's Day in due form. The Station had to be isolated and the St. George's Day parade and breakfast, the Sergeants' Mess Ball on 23rd, and the Corporals' Dance on the 15th have all been cancelled. It is most unfortunate, and particularly hard upon

"D" COY., 2ND BATT. FIFTH FUSILIERS.
WINNERS, INTER-COMPANY SHOOT, 1925.

the married families, who had been looking forward to a round of gaiety before leaving for the hills.

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We wish Drmr. Andrews a speedy recovery.

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Our sympathy is also due to the hard-working presidents and members of entertainment committees, who were just about to reap the fruits of their labours when this bombshell burst upon them.

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A good game of soccer was witnessed on Saturday, 18th April,

"D" COY. 2ND BATT. FIFTH FUSILIERS.
RUNNERS-UP, INTER-COMPANY BOXING, 1925.

Top Row.—Fus. E. Rutter, Fus. T. Taylor, Fus. R. Crinson, Fus. T. Summerside, Lce.-Cpl. H. Palmer (winner—Middles), Fus. F. Bird.
Seated.—Fus. J. Cunningham a/Dmr. H. Antcliffe, Fus. T. Phillips (winner—Lights), Lieut. B. Pringle, Fus. R. Hosker (winner—Fly), C.S.M. E. Beck, M.M., Fus. R. Robinson, Fus. C. Smith. Lce.-Cpl. H. Leatherland
Bottom.—Fus. J. McMullen, Fus. D. Malone.

between the Corporals and the Fusiliers, the game ending in a draw of 1 goal each.

FUSILIER HOSKER.

(Fly-Weight Champion of the Army in India.)

To Fus. Hosker has fallen the honour of winning, for the second time in the history of the Regiment, an All-India Championship. Lieut. Selby was the first to gain this honour, but no belt was awarded.

H.Q. WING.
INTER-COMPANY HOCKEY TEAM, WINNERS, 1924–25.

In winning his final fight at Rawal Pindi, Fus. Hosker recorded his 66th win out of a series of 106 fights in this country. Twice he has been beaten in his own Regiment on points, but he has never been knocked out.

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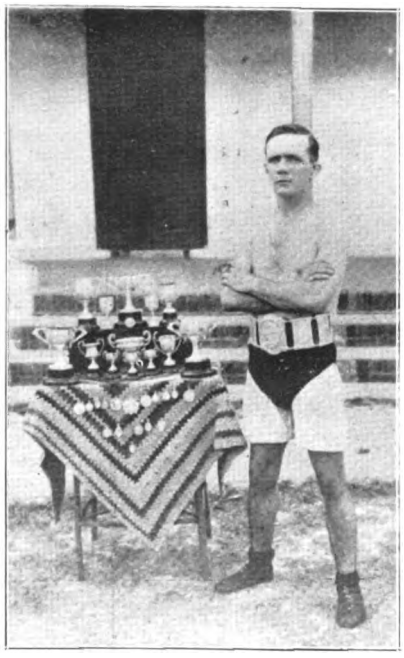
His achievement at Rawal Pindi was surely a meritorious one for a man whose age is considerably nearer to 40 than it is to 30.

It is impossible to give a full report of all his achievements, but amongst his noteworthy performances in the Fly-Weight class are the following :—winner, Presidency and Assam District, 1922—winner, Eastern Command, 1923 and 1925—semi-finalist, All-India (Bantam), 1922—semi-finalist, All-India (Team Competition), 1923—winner, Regimental Boxing, 1923 and 1925. He is also the proud possessor of the first Hart Cup to be awarded in the 2nd Battalion, and this honour is particularly gratifying to the Champion.

His trophies would have added lustre to any regal home, but I am afraid that this Gateshead lad has been framed on the generous side, and that much of his silver has found a resting place on the sideboards of his many friends.

To see him in the ring is electrifying. He is a bunch of



FUSILIER R. HOSKER.
(FLY-WEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE ARMY IN INDIA, 1925.)

magnetised energy. Just like a youth in his teens, he moves with that alacrity which bespeaks fitness and perfect training. Nimble on his feet, sure in all his footwork, and possessing a real knowledge of ringcraft, he is a pleasure to watch.

His ability to withstand punishment and, incidentally, his experience in avoiding "anything heavy," are equally well demonstrated and recognised in the Regiment by his annual selection to fill the role of "the man in the barrel" at all the Regimental Fancy Fairs.

Hosker is more than a regimental asset. He is known all over India, from the highest to the lowest in the land. "Old Ted," as he familiarly terms himself, sees to it that the class of his Company meets the occasion, and a warmer favourite amongst civilian sportsmen at all Tournaments it is difficult to find.

"TALLFELLER."

CRICKET MATCH PLAYED AT FYZABAD ON 2ND APRIL, 1925.

COLONEL KERSHAW'S TEAM.

C.S.M. Beck, c Trower, b Mr. Flower	11
Lce.-Cpl. Churchill, c Mr. Vaughan, b Mr. Jenny	1
Lieut. Fryer, run out, Mr. Jenney	2
Lieut. Grimley, st Mr. Vaughan, b Mr. Jenney	51
Capt. Cooper, c Bishop, b Trower	26
Lce.-Cpl. Bosworth, c Trower, b Mr. Jenney	25
Col. Kershaw, c Mr. Clifford, b Mr. Jenney	1
Sgt. Parkin, not out	24
Fus. Standing, c Smith, b Mr. Jenney	0
Lieut. Humphreys, c Trower, b Mr. Jenney	3
R.S.M. Brocklesby, c Mr. Jenney, b Mr. Jenney	0
Extras	16
Total	170

NEW ARRIVALS TEAM.

Mr. Bucknall, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	0
Fus. Trower, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	10
Mr. Jenney, not out	87
Fus. Smith, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	0
Mr. Flower, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	0
Mr. Vaughan, c Lieut. Grimley, b Col. Kershaw	0
Mr. Clifford, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	0
Fus. Bishop, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	11
Mr. Hobbs, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	0
Mr. Kingstone, b Fus. Standing	2
Mr. Rose, not out	8
Extras	12
Total	130

ARMY RIFLE ASSOCIATION, INDIA, BROOK BOND CUP.

RESULT OF TEAM OF 2ND BATT. THE FIFTH FUSILIERS, FIRED AT FYZABAD ON 28TH MARCH, 1925.

	Practice 1. Total.	Practice 2. Total.	Practice 3. Total.	Grand Total.
Major O. B. Foster, M.C.	20	9	26	55
Lieut. and Qr. Mr. J. H. Maynard	8	11	12	31
Lieut. H. A. Ingledew	18	13	8	39
2nd-Lieut. H. S. Flower	20	6	20	46
2nd-Lieut. R. S. Surtees	12	5	2	19
R.S.M. G. Brockelsby, D.C.M.	12	14	10	36
C.Q.M.S. T. Williams, D.C.M.	10	7	8	25
C.S.M. E. Beck, M.M.	8	12	6	26
C.Q.M.S. T. Tudor, M.M.	4	6	12	22
Sergt. F. Avison	12	10	6	28
Sergt. W. Salt	10	8	10	28
Sergt. M. Hebburn	30	11	20	61
Sergt. T. W. Hunter	6	2	14	22
Sergt. A. F. Merrin	10	3	12	25
Sergt. J. H. Ashton	6	6	8	20
Sergt. M. Grace	18	9	0	27
	204	132	174	510

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
26th May, 1925.

The account of our doings on St. George's Day took up so much space in our last month's notes, that we had no room to record several things which would otherwise have been given a prominent place.

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Many changes have taken place during the last two months. Capt. R. Trenam has returned to the 1st Battalion, having

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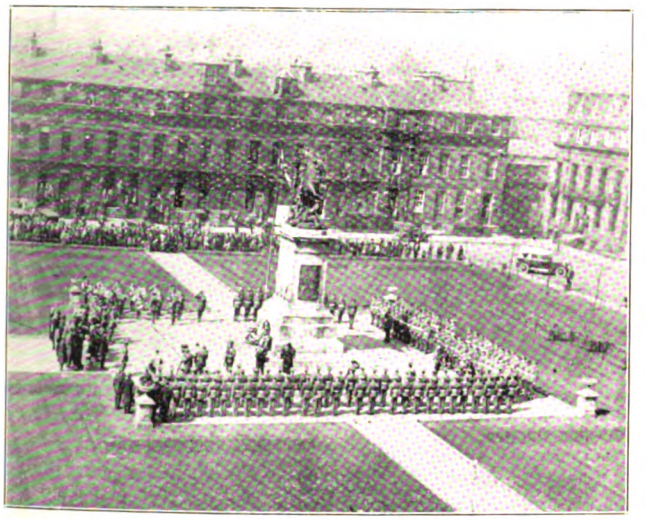
vacated the Adjutancy of the Depôt on promotion, after nearly two years of stirling work both within the barrack walls and



DEPÔT, FIFTH FUSILIERS, ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1925.

AT THE NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE WAR MEMORIAL, ELDON SQUARE.

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outside in bringing us into closer touch with the Territorial part of the Regiment and with the regimental county.

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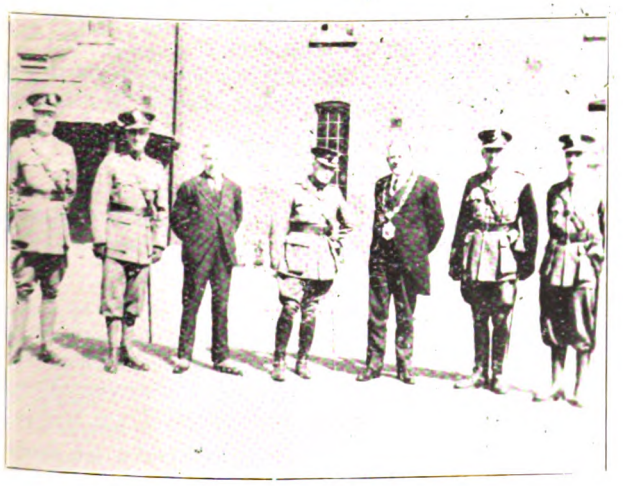
The one advantage which we gain by his departure is that



ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1925, AT THE REGIMENTAL DEPÔT.

The Colonel of the Regiment, accompanied by the Argentine Minister and Deputy Lord Mayor of Newcastle-on-Tyne, after visiting the Men at Dinners.

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our younger members have now less fear of eclipse in the beagling field,

We welcome Mr. P. H. Earle, who began his tour here at the beginning of April.

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C.Q.M.S. Allen, D.C.M., and Lce.-Sergt. Finnamore have returned to the 1st Battalion, and their places have been taken by Sergt. Curtis and Lce.-Sergt. Brown; and Sergt. Fitzgerald has arrived from the 2nd Batt. for a tour of duty.

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Congratulations to the Depôt Football Team on winning, for the second time, the 2nd Division of the "Tyneside Wednesday Football League."

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We finished the Cross-Country running season with the annual run against the Depôt 68th Light Infantry. There were 89 starters from each Depôt, and every man scored points for his side. The distance was between 3½ and 4 miles, over a good course with plenty of obstacles and only a hundred yards of

DEPÔT, THE FIFTH FUSILIERS A.F.C., 1924–1925.

WINNERS, "TYNESIDE WEDNESDAY LEAGUE," DIVISION II.

Fus. E. Cornwall. Dmr. W. Southam. Fus. J. Young.

R.Q.M.S. D. V. Redhead (*Sec.*). Cpl. J. Forbes, Cpl. G. Gelder, Sergt. T. Hart. Q.M.S.I. J. W. Brown. Lce.-Cpl. W. Bell. Lce.-Cpl. T. Pattison.

C.S.M. J. O'Hara. Fus. T. Dunne. R.S.M. G. H. Groves. Cpl. G. Ross (*Capt.*). Lieut. R. Forbes-Watson. Fus. R. Dunn. Fus. C. Ward.

Fus. C. Sanford.

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road. The scores were extremely close, and we just won by 69 points, the totals being :—

5th Fusiliers	7,910
68th L.I.	7,979

The following were the first ten men home :—

1. Cpl. Ross, 5th Fus.
2. Pte. Carter, 68th L.I.
3. Pte. Brown, 68th L.I.
4. Fus. Darrah, 5th Fus.
5. Pte. Temple, 68th L.I.
6. Fus. Canavan, 5th Fus.
7. Pte. Hockey, 68th L.I.
8. Fus. Coates, 5th Fus.
9. Fus. Graham, 5th Fus.
10. Fus. Robinson, 5th Fus.

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4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN,

23rd May, 1925.

Since the last notes were written quite a lot of things have taken place.

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Another St. George's Day has passed by, and with it a number of the usual functions and ceremonies with which that day is connected in the life and minds of every true Fifth Fusilier.

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The Officers' Annual Dinner was held on St. George's Day, at the County Hotel, Newcastle, and in addition to the present Officers of the Battalion we were honoured by the presence of our Brigadier, Colonel H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O., Colonel Clark, T.D., Lt.-Col. J. R. Robb, Capt. C. Chipper, M.C., Mr. Nicholson, and several other old friends.

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The dinner was a great success, and our thanks are due to Capt. B. Peacock, M.C., who carried out the arrangements.

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Telegrams were received from our Hon. Colonel (Col. A. J. Foster, C.M.G., C.B.E.), 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions, The Regimental Depôt, Major and Mrs. St. J. Booth and Major and Mrs. St. John.

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On Saturday, 25th April, the new Drill Hall at Newburn was opened by Major-General Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B. The occasion was a memorable one, and the following extract from *The Newcastle Daily Journal* gives a full account of the proceedings :—

"NEWBURN DRILL HALL.

"NEW HEADQUARTERS OPENED BY SIR P. S. WILKINSON.

"CLAIMS TO HONOURS.

"'To maintain in peace as well as in war the glorious traditions of the Battalion and the Regiment to which we belong is the sacred trust which is laid upon us all. It will be the aim and object of all ranks of the Battalion to fulfil that trust.'

"These were the words of Lt.-Col. C. O. P. Gibson, M.C., Commanding Officer of the 4th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers (T.A.), on Saturday, when the new Drill Hall of the unit at Newburn was opened by Major-General Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., Colonel of the Fifth Fusiliers.

"A picturesque touch was given to the ceremony by two members of the Battalion who, wearing the old scarlet regimental uniform with busby, stood as sentinels on each side of the entrance as the General inserted the gold key presented to him by Mr. George Curry, the contractor.

"'A key is a sign of trust,' said Sir Percival in acknowledging the gift, 'and if I have earned your trust I have earned what I want.'

"THE GENERAL SALUTE.

"A Guard of Honour was drawn up outside the Drill Hall, and their bright bayonets and accoutrements flashed in the brilliant sunshine as the General Salute was given on the arrival of Sir Percival Wilkinson, who then inspected the troops, accompanied by Major-General F. A. Dudgeon, C.B., General Officer Commanding the 50th (Northumbrian) Division; Col. H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O., Commandant of the 149th (Northumberland) Infantry Brigade; and Major W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., Brigade Major.

"In the presence of a large attendance of the public, Col. Gibson explained that the new drill hall scheme was inaugurated about three years ago, and, among others, they had to thank the Duke of Northumberland for the site and the County Territorial Association, which would have the control of the building.

"The present strength of the Battalion was 17 officers and 607 other ranks; so it was nearly up to strength. There was a waiting list, as a matter of fact, as he had been obliged to stop recruiting until after camp.

"Sir Percival Wilkinson, prior to formally opening the hall, mentioned that while the Fusiliers had 90 claims to honours in the late war, the War Office, after closely scrutinising them, actually added another to the list. Ten of those honours were inscribed on the Colours.

"At the conclusion, Sir Percival decorated Fus. R. Quinn with the Indian General Service (Iraq) Medal, he being the first of the Battalion to receive that distinction.

"THE GUESTS.

"The Guard of Honour was composed of Capt. R. Wood, Lieut. W. M. Gibson, M.C., and Lieut. J. M. Todd, D.F.C. (carrying the regimental Colour), C.S.M. L. Stuart, C.S.M. A. McTeer, two sergeants and 50 other ranks, with the Band and Drums of the Battalion, under Band Sergeant A. Cameron, D.C.M.

"Others present included Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O. (Second-in-Command), Major K. Greville Williams, O.B.E. (adjutant), Capt. and Quartermaster W. Watson, M.C., Col. E. Robinson, O.B.E., T.D., D.L. (Tyne Electrical Engineers), Major Dennis Hill, M.C. (architect), Capt. A. L. Napier, O.B.E. (Secretary of the Northumberland Territorial Army Association), and representatives of various military units, along with Mr. W. Allan (chairman) and Mr. H. F. J. Modlin (Clerk) of the Newburn Urban District Council.

"Apologies for absence were received from Col. A. J. Foster, C.M.G., C.B.E., Hon. Col. and Col. E. P. A. Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O. (late Commandant of the Northumberland Brigade)."

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After the ceremony, the Officers and Sergeants entertained their guests to tea in their respective Messes. Tea was also provided in the body of the new Drill Hall for the rank and file of the Battalion.

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We welcome 2nd-Lieuts. Peters and Smith to the Battalion on first appointment. The former has been posted to "W" Coy. and the latter to "Y" Coy.

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The Divisional Commander, Major-General F. A. Dudgeon, C.B., visited the Rifle Range at Ponteland on Sunday, 26th April, when some of the Newburn men were firing their Annual Musketry Course, under Capt. G. L. Bradley.

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A Church Parade was held at Newburn on the same day, so that the party proceeding to the range was only a small one.

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Congratulations to a/C.S.M. Wixon and Mrs. Wixon on the arrival of a son.

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On 2nd May, the C.O., Adjutant and Quartermaster visited Pwllheli with the Headquarters Officers of the other three Battalions, and the Camping Grounds were allotted by the Brigade Staff.

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The country is very fine indeed, and Pwllheli should be a grand place for Camp, though the town itself strikes one as a trifle small for the large number of troops proceeding there.

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A second Week-end Musketry Camp was held at Ponteland on 9th and 10th May, and was attended by the following Officers and 100 other ranks :—Capt. G. L. Bradley, Capt. W. Watson, M.C., Capt. B. Peacock, M.C., Lieut. A. Fleming, and 2nd-Lieut. A. S. Todd.

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Week-end Camps at Allendale for Field Firing and Company Training were held on 16th and 17th May and 23rd and 24th May. These camps were well attended, and some useful training and field firing has been carried out.

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The G.O.C. 50th Division and our Brigadier visited the second Camp.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

We have so much news to tell this month that the writer has some difficulty in deciding where to commence.

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The main item is that we are now absolutely and thoroughly into our new Drill Hall. For many " moons " this happy event has been discussed officially, unofficially, privately and generally, and always more or less heatedly. It has always been a last resource, as an item of interest to fall back upon when news was short.

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The Drill Hall was opened with all due pomp and ceremony on 25th April. Much as we would like to, we will not say more of this auspicious occasion, as it is fully dealt with in H.Q. notes.

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What a fine feeling is experienced in the occupation of a fine spacious building. Never again will we experience the congestion of drill nights in the old wood hut ; it seems too good to be true.

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What with a miniature range and separate Company store rooms, one feels a sort of expanded atmosphere with plenty of breathing space.

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We hope that all ranks have this feeling, and that it will be an inducement to them to attend drills regularly and (whisper it softly) put in more than their necessary quota.

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At one end of the hall there is a balcony, and when one ascends and gazes down on the parade below, one experiences a sort of Napoleonic feeling : like a captain on the bridge, not unmixed with an " Ajax defying the lightning " sensation.

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The Officers of the detachment seem quite hilarious at having a room all to themselves. Incidentally, the Officers beg to extend their thanks to the Sergeants for the hospitality shown them ever since the reorganisation of the Battalion.

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The Sergeants' Mess is now in full swing, with a room all to themselves, and with all due privacy, which has been a long-felt want. There is a recreation room for junior N.C.O.'s and Fusiliers, and it contains a billiard table with a stout Fusilier as general manager.

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Mr. Peters has come to swell the ranks of " W " Company, and thus equalise the strength of subalterns in the Detachment.

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We are glad to report that Mr. Gibson received the news of his appointment to the Sports Committee with the utmost calm.

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At last the news has leaked out that Sergt. Warner's fourth child is a son and a future Fusilier.

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On the 23rd April, the Officers attended the annual St. George's Day Dinner, held in Newcastle.

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Everybody was glad to see everybody else, particularly Capt. Chipper, who was welcomed whole heartedly, and we all had a good time. Incidentally Capt. Chipper makes a first-class cavalry general.

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The Detachment held a Church Parade, commanded by Captain R. Wood, on Sunday, 26th April, and marched to Newburn Parish Church.

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Our own Padre, the Rev. C. Milner, R.A.Ch.D. (T.A.), preached a very fine St. George's sermon, which was applicable to soldiers and civilians alike. After the service, the Detachment marched to the War Memorial, where a wreath was deposited. The band and drums and the Church choir were present. One hymn was sung and the " Last Post " was sounded.

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It is worthy of note that our Padre is in great demand in various parishes other than his own.

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We have been very busy lately in trying to get our annual musketry course fired off, the officers and n.c.o.'s having been many week-ends and odd days to Ponteland rifle range, but always with a very small turn-out, with the result that we still have many men yet to fire. It would be a good thing if we could have a regular long Easter week-end musketry camp every year, and make it compulsory for all ranks to attend. Under such an arrangement every man would be compelled to attend or be financially unsound at bounty payment time.

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We held our first social function in the new Drill Hall on Friday, 8th May. It was an opening ball for members of the Detachment and their friends. With the help of our Battalion Orchestra and some very excellent catering, not to mention the lavish decoration by R.S.M. Clarke and C.S.M. Mower, a very enjoyable evening was spent.

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A large number of people assembled, and everything went merrily. We are sorry that friends from the other detachments did not turn up.

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The following Officers and their friends were present :—Capts. R. Wood, B. Peacock, W. Watson ; Messrs. W. M. Gibson, A. McLellan and A. S. Todd ; also Mr. W. Spires (50th Divisional R.E.) and Mr. H. S. Storey.

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It was particularly noticeable that C.S.M. Stuart had no partner.

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The M.C.'s for the dance were :—R.S.M. Clarke, C.S.M.'s Mower, Stuart, McTeer, Sergts. McIvor and Wallace.

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A Battalion Sports Committee meeting was held on Thursday, 14th inst., and the details for the annual sports were decided. We are looking forward to some really good sports this year.

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If possible it is hoped that cricket and soccer matches may be arranged between Officers and Sergeants, to take place during the second week of camp.

The Passing of the Old Wood Hut.

Night was closing in, and nasty grey shadows were forming round the old wood hut, the outline of which was becoming blurred and dim in the fast advancing dark. Immediately to the south, the Winning stream bubbled in a vain attempt at merriment. To the north, the steep, rugged side of the ravine loomed large and hazy in the fading light.

All around, everything was gloomy and sad. The full-throated croak of the joyous bull-frog had ceased, and in its stead rose the plaintive wail of a female tadpole in the nearby tiddler pond.

The trees creaked mournfully overhead, and their leaves shivered with a slight shivering sound, and occasionally drops of moisture fell to earth, like tears of sorrow. The very grass seemed to droop, and even the cabbages in the garden plot stretched out their leaves in mournful gesture.

These were sad times indeed ! After all, everything must go, old things must give way to new. This very day marked the passing of the old and the coming of the new. Sadness reigned. Suddenly a voice spoke.

It was not an ordinary voice. It was low, and like someone catching the breath in sorrow, just like a torn piece of roofing felt flapping loosely in the wind. As a matter of fact the roofing felt was sobbing silently to himself.

" Cheer up, Feltie ! " creaked the old door, " never say die." The old door was also feeling a bit dumpy, but he wouldn't for the world have admitted it, even to himself. In spite of many years' warping, he still hung on—upright to the last ; but he couldn't conceal his emotion entirely, as could be seen by a slight rattle of his loose handle.

" Oh ! shut up, door," piped the stove, in his squeaky voice, " to hear you talk, one would think you were just newly made. You're old, very old, decrepid ; you're done for—in fact, you've shot your bolt."

This conversation was abruptly terminated by the roar of the roof-truss. The roof-truss was a sprawling, lanky fellow, and well made too, of some jolly good bits of rough fir, and none knew it better than he.

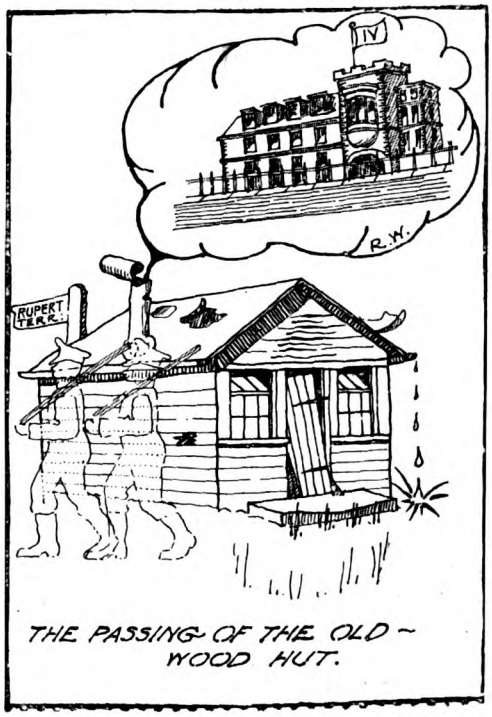
" Shiver my timbers ! " cried he, in his usual breezy and nautical style, " can't you fellows let us have peace and quiet ? Just draw up alongside, my hearties, and let's discuss the situation in calm waters."

Now, when the roof-truss gave orders, they were usually obeyed. He was master of his tribe, was the roof-truss, and all the component parts of the hut fully recognised his superiority in all ways. Was he not most intimate with the wind, who knew lots of things ? He had been designed to withstand all sorts of serious ailments called stresses and strains. Did he not shelter his fellows from the rain and snow ? Did he not ward off the wind when it got too fresh ? Why, in a severe storm he had been known to gird his members, pulling this way and that, compressing himself and then falling into tension, and often he had gripped the other parts of the old hut and held them together against the warring elements outside.

Yes, indeed, the roof-truss was a great fellow—a protector of all beneath him.

" Yo ho ! " cried he, " list to me. To-day we are forsaken. We are cast aside as no longer useful. The Newburn Detachment has found fresh fields and pastures new—in other words, they have built themselves a hall of stone and brick, large and commodious, and alas ! in great contrast to us."

At these words the old gutter shed a tear, and the window dropped his hopper sash in utter dejection. Suddenly the wall,



THE PASSING OF THE OLD WOOD HUT.

swaying under the weight of his emotion, broke forth into a mournful chant :—

" Alack-a-day, they've all gone away ;
Alas and alack ! they'll never come back—ah ! me-e-e-e."

Now, the stove was a bit of a bolshie, and this was just what he had been waiting for. He took a breath so deep that his pipe rattled and some ashes fell out onto his metal hearth.

" Yes, the window speaks truly," he said, vehemently, " they have left us to our doom, left us for a heap of scrap, left us like rats leaving a sinking ship, and why ?—why, because we are only a wood hut. They have disgraced us, laughed at our restricted space, mocked at our construction, scorned our appearance, thwarted our needs, cooled towards us as friends, become heated as enemies ! and what's their reason ? We are a wood hut ! Hath not a wood hut windows ? Hath not a wood hut doors ? floors, dimensions, plans, sections, elevations ? painted with the same paint, damaged with the same weather, mended by the same builders, warmed and cooled by the same

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winter and summer as a stone and brick hall is? If they shelter within us, do we not protect them? If they leave accoutrement inside our walls, do we not accommodate them? If they neglect us, shall we not perish? If a soldier neglect his rifle, will it not foul? If we conform to them in the rest, we will conform to them in that. The waste they teach us we will execute; and it shall go hard, but we will better the instruction."

At this point the stove stopped rather abruptly, catching his breath quickly through his stove pipe. As a matter of fact he had said rather more than he had intended; the other component parts were rather startled, and if the truth be known, probably the stove had startled himself also.

At the end of this sudden outburst there ensued a somewhat oppressive silence. Nobody had quite realised before that the stove possessed such oratorial powers, and further such an astounding view of economics. The whole idea of the thing was rather mystifying and somewhat complicated and highbrow. The silence was therefore strained.

At last, after about ten minutes' silent and individual bewilderment, the roof-truss took the bull by the horns and rushed in where angels fear to tread. "Steady there, stove, my lad, you're a bit of a bolshie."

"Yes, rather, piping hot!" coughed the window.

"He'll burn himself," moaned the roofing felt.

"Ash— should think so too," rattled the old door.

"Let's have a coal-ition and think it out," quivered the wall.

"We'll show him up asbestos we can," whistled the gutter, shedding another tear.

Then up spoke the roof-truss again: "Now, then, stove, my lad, we've all decided that you are a bolshie. You put on far too much side for an ordinary hut stove."

"But," replied the stove, "you fellows forget I was once in an Officers' Mess."

"Don't tell lies," roared the roof-truss, "I know for a fact that Major Hill found you in an old deserted cookhouse at Ponteland Rifle Range."

Now, at this discovery there were roars of laughter, and the stove, letting fall many ashes, subsided into silence, never more to speak.

"Ship my giboom-spanker overboard," cried the roof-truss, "surely I have the most right to complain? Ever since the war, fair weather or foul, haven't I held you fellows together? Every night for years haven't I held the petrol lamp for old Luke?"

"And me too," rattled the door, "for years I have been slammed and banged by a lot of recruits, and never once split about it."

"But what about me?" quivered the wall. "Haven't I borne the brunt of being stained by countless canteen medals, and not only that, but it needs a strong fellow to have a weight like Tommy Brown leaning up against him, on and off, for a year or two."

This was too much for the window. Frantically waving his hopper sash in frenzied grief, he cried out in a voice raucous with influenza, gained from years of regulating the air current, "Alas! yes, they'll never come back; they've left us to our doom. Ah! me-e-e-e."

"Enough, my lads, enough! shiver my timbers, but you fellows don't seem to realise what you are saying. Remember *esprit de corps*, my lads, *esprit de corps*. Just remember you are—hush! here is somebody coming."

Silence reigned within. Without, could be heard the tramp of ordered footsteps. Sergeant-Major Mower had arrived for a final survey prior to locking up the old wood hut.

"Now, my lads, just look around inside and clear out anything you find." This was quickly done, and then came the order to fall in.

"Quick march!" They were off—tramp, tramp, tramp—gradually the sound faded away, and all was silent. Yet something weird and indescribable was happening. Somehow the roof-truss seemed more taut. The door handle rattled ever so slightly. The window hopper sash just creaked ever so perceptably. The wall may have quivered. The torn roofing felt flapped leisurely and lifelessly in the wind.

Somehow the whole hut seemed to squirm slightly, and then to stolidly settle down, seemingly to whatever the future might bring. "QUO FATA VOCANT!"

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now tells me that he expects me to hit the target any day in the near future.—Yours, SHARPSHOOTER.

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

Since last writing these notes we have attended various functions, pleasant and otherwise. Our St. George's Day Dinner in Newcastle was one of the pleasant functions, but when we arrived we thought we had stumbled on a Hunt Ball!

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We were very much impressed with all the scarlet of the Newburn Officers, and our recollections of the evening, though hazy, were distinctly pleasant.

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The Newburn Officers may be very smart in their new kit, but wait till they see us in our Full Dress. The only pity is that our "bushby" was turned into a muff during the war.

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After firing at the Haydon Bridge Range in the morning, a good number of us went on to the opening of the new Drill Hall at Newburn, the details of which will be found elsewhere in this issue. No excuse now for not winning the Champion Company Cup.

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We feel very lonely out here, some thirty miles from Headquarters, and are looking forward to the Annual Re-union of the Battalion at Pwllheli.

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We have recently paid several trips to the Haydon Bridge Range, which has, on the whole, kept up its "wet weather reputation, so that we think these trips may be classed as "otherwise."

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We enjoyed our week-end at Allendale very much, and hope the O.C. Guard is none the worse after his night at the Camp.

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We have taken over the old Battalion Headquarters, and Hexham has become a sort of suburb of Haltwhistle. We have already recruited one man, so it shows that they think of us.

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Thank goodness, no Generals were present at Allendale to ask us about sandbags, as seems to occur at Ponteland. Ours were carried with great respect, and made ominous clinking noises, almost like glass bottles. It's queer sand at Haltwhistle, but most stimulating.

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In reply to the Newburn enquiry as to our extraordinary "trained men," we agree that we are rather wonderful, but we are not giving away any secrets.

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We hear a rumour that our Company Commander has discarded his Neville Cross breeches, and so another link with the past is gone. (A missing link we shall be glad to miss.—Adjt.)

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We are sorry to see that none of our suggestions have been adopted by the Sports Committee, as we are confident there is room for improvement. We are sorry we cannot be represented at these meetings, as we live so far away.

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We welcome our new Officer, Mr. G. B. Smith, who has now been gazetted and definitely posted to our Company. We look forward to his efforts at the Battalion Sports and in the cross-country run.

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

In reply to Newburn's queries last month—

(1) O.C. "Prudhoe Guards" always wears his own puttees—although he has a pair belonging to "Quack-Mack" he does not wear them; they are kept at Prudhoe merely as a curiosity—anyhow they could not under any circumstances be worn with "plus fours" (they will be returned to their rightful owner as soon as they can be found).

(2) The said O.C., whilst remembering something in connection with flies, cannot at the moment call to memory the precise incident referred to.

(3) An indellible pencil is priceless, especially if one's pen fountain develops a faulty feed and on "pulling back" fails to "carry on."

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Last month certain of us visited Newburn for the opening of the new Drill Hall—very nice, and so forth, but we wish more serviceable cakes had been provided (no reflection on the P.M.C. intended).

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On 16th and 17th May we did "field firing," "swamp dodging," and "eating and drinking" with our other friends in the "left half Battalion." Unfortunately they beat us at the tiles, but we undoubtedly held our own during the stunt which preceded the same. This year, for a change, it did not rain until we had started for home.

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We are pleased to say that recruiting is proceeding steadily, and up to the present "Z" Company has obtained twenty-seven recruits since the commencement of training. This makes us (we believe) one officer and two other ranks under strength. It is always somewhat difficult to say accurately what one's strength really is at any given moment.

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We are just wondering whether any members of the Newburn Army have gone in for the "dyeing" craze. We rather thought that this particular type of insanity was confined to this area, but were pleasantly surprised to discover that even the "Champion Company" had succumbed. If they have done this, what on earth must have occurred further East? Bright green equipment is doubtless very distinctive and pleasing to the owner thereof, but is also rather apt to cause a company commander to become bowed down with sorrow. Perhaps the "dyes" think they will become invisible on field days, or else be mistaken for "bushy topped trees"—however, "that's that!"

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A few months ago we mentioned that we were to have a new char-a-banc to take us to the range. Unfortunately this has not "functioned" so far, and our old one eclipsed its previous record of crime by "retiring" instead of "advancing" in Hexham, the other Sunday. However, a convenient wall was near at hand, so the retirement was stopped somewhat rapidly.

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We hear that C.S.M. Wind is going to "pass out" in swimming at Camp this year; and, further, that C.S.M. West thinks a miner's life very nice and interesting, and that he is going to take it up one of these days (in China, where it is said the seams are thick).

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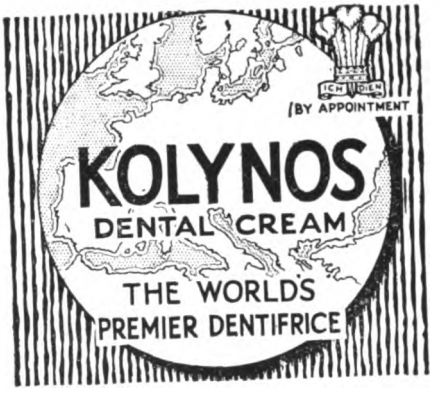

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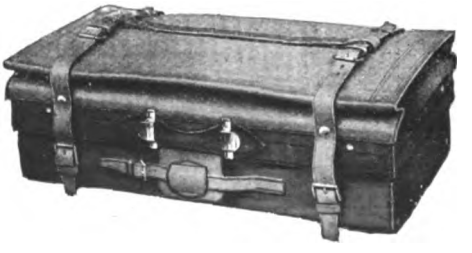

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GOOD STORIES—OLD AND NEW.

HOSPITALITY'S REWARD.

The Rev. Enoch Mellor, a Yorkshireman, more than anybody, it is said, influenced the famous Dr. Jowett. Mr. Mellor once called at a Yorkshire farm to shelter from a rainstorm. The farmer, recognizing "Our Enoch," invited him, without first consulting his wife, to stay the night, and took the wet and weary preacher upstairs for a change of clothes. When the guest descended, the neglected and irritated hostess, recognising her husband's clothes, and inferring that the usual occupant was inside them, brought the family Bible down on Mellor's head with a resounding thwack, exclaiming as she did so, "Tak that fur askin' 'im to stay th' neet!"

A MODERN JOSHUA.

Charged with illicit distilling, a Tennessee mountain youth stood before the rural bar of justice.

"What's your name?" asked the judge.

"Joshua, your honour," answered the boy.

"H'm! Joshua? Joshua what?" his honour prompted.

"Jes Joshua," replied the culprit.

"Are you the Joshua who made the sun stand still?" said the judge.

"No, your honour. I'm the Joshua what made the moon-shine still."

SILENCED.

Leonard Bacon, who was one of the best-known theologians in New England a half-century ago, was attending a conference, and some assertions he made in his address were vehemently objected to by a member of the opposition.

"Why," he expostulated, "I never heard of such a thing in all my life!"

"Mr. Moderator," rejoined Bacon calmly, "I cannot allow my opponent's ignorance, however vast, to offset my knowledge, however small."

RELATED.

"Is Mr. Perkins at home?" inquired the caller.

"Which one, sir?—there are brothers living here," said the maid.

For the moment the caller looked puzzled, then he had an idea.

"The one who has a sister living in St. Louis," he explained.

THE NEW MUSIC.

The famous composer finished a rehearsal by thanking the orchestra for what (he said) was the finest interpretation of his work he had ever heard. Whereupon one of the horn players turned to a colleague and remarked, casually: "Well, I've still got two pages to play, anyhow."

ONE GOOD REASON.

"Edith," said a mother to her little daughter, "you ought to be ashamed to speak to your father so impertinently. I am sure you never heard me talk to him in that manner." "No," replied the rebellious infant, "but you choosed him and I didn't."

A QUICK CHANGE.

The man who is taking statistics for the new city directory approaches a movers' home in the suburb. At the doorway stands a stout, determined-looking lady.

"Madam," he says, "my call is official. I am compiling statistics on the inhabitants in this part of our city. Might I ask what your name is?"

"Duffy—Honoria Duffy."

"And your husband's name?"

"Naturally it's the same as me own—Duffy."

"I mean his full name?"

"Well, when he's full, he thinks it's Jack Dempsey, but when I lay me hands on him, it's still Duffy."

FORCE OF HABIT.

Stranger: "Can you tell me how far Main Street is from here, Senator?"

Senator Wind: "I can, my friend. And, speaking as one who has served his constituency faithfully—and I say so without fear of being gainsaid; speaking also from the standpoint of one who has consistently represented the common people—and I challenge my enemies to prove to the contrary; speaking as one of the people myself, I am pleased to inform you that Main Street is four blocks west. I thank you."

MODERN SONGS.

A young fellow was trying hard to explain to the salesman what he wanted.

"Now, haven't you this song? It goes zim-zim, zum-zum, zang-zang. You know."

"Sorry," said the salesman, "but I don't seem to recognise the tune. What are the words?"

"Those are the words."

AMBITIOUS.

A little Connecticut boy, who had an impediment of speech, was once asked by a visiting bishop who was something of a pulpit orator, how he would like to be a preacher.

"I-I w-w-w-would l-l-like to d-d-do the p-p-pounding and the h-h-hollering," he replied, "but the s-s-speaking w-w-would b-b-bother me s-s-some."

THE STOCKHOLDERS' WAY.

"Well, it was like this," said the landlord of the tavern at Slippery Slap: "Them fellows bored down about fifteen hundred feet without striking oil, and then pulled up the drill and went away."

"What about the stockholders?"

"Ah, they left them in the hole."

CORRECTED.

"Niggah, I'se goin' to mash yo' nose all ova yo' face; I'se goin' to push dose teeth down yo' throat and black both yo' eyes et cetera."

"Black man, you don't mean et cetera, you means vice versa."

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5TH BATTALION (T.A.) NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,
May, 1925.

St. George's Day has come and gone, and everyone looks fresh and bright once again.

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The Commanding Officer and the Adjutant and their respective wives lunched at the Depôt on "The Day," and a very excellent lunch it appeared to have been. The Officers of the Battalion dined at "Tilley's" in the evening; many past Officers were also present. Colonel D. R. MacDonald, T.D., the Honorary Colonel of the Battalion, was present also. Many speeches were made, and everyone enjoyed themselves.

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A few hardy spirits proceeded after this to the St. George's Ball at the Depôt—they were less hardy next day.

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Telegrams of good wishes were received from the 1st and 2nd Battalions, Depôt, 4th, 6th and 7th Battalions.

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Two St. George's Balls were held at Walker and Wallsend respectively during the week, and were highly successful.

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The Regimental Aid Ball was held on the 24th April, and many of the Officers attended.

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A Tactical Exercise for Company Commanders was held at Alnmouth on the 25th and 26th April, and although certain of those attending seemed rather worn after the week's festivities, a good deal of useful work was got through. The usual arguments took place, but the "directing staff" are quite prepared for this in these days, and know exactly how to deal with them. The action of machine guns in sand dunes was fully explained, in spite of much hostile criticism.

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The Battalion is at full strength, and the 50th Division is the strongest in the Territorial Army.

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Week-end Small Arms Camps are numerous, and the shooting this year is quite good so far. Good entries have been received for the County Rifle Meeting at Whitsuntide, and we hope to wrest a few of the cups from various Units who have held them too long.

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We go to Camp at Pwllheli on the 14th June, and the Orderly Room is consequently putting up a "barrage" of paper, and the Adjutant seems to be completely immersed in preparing Training Programmes, Training Notes, charts on defence, outposts, etc.

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We congratulate Mr. Davidson in successfully passing Certificate "A."

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Our Colonel Commandant visited the Drill Halls on the 19th May, and seemed quite pleased with all he saw, except one little squad of Light Automatic "gunners," who were being instructed (?) by an N.C.O. who knew about as much about the gun as the men themselves; but these little *contretemps* always happen at the wrong moment.

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Further Signalling and Machine Gun Courses have been held and have been well attended.

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
28th May, 1925.

The chief event of moment during the past month has been the great progress made by the 150 recruits who have enlisted in the Battalion since the beginning of the year. This progress has been chiefly due to the valuable assistance given to our Adjutant and Permanent Staff by the Sergeants of the Depôt. The general turn-out and steadiness of the recruits is very marked, and we have no doubt when they join their companies they will be fully equal to giving a good account of themselves.

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The Depôt very kindly sent a squad of recruits to the Drill Hall on Tuesday, the 26th inst., under the command of Capt. Waight, M.C., and gave a demonstration to our recruits, which was much appreciated.

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The assistance the Depôt is now giving to the training of Territorial battalions is splendid, and is bound to bear fruit in the general efficiency of the battalions.

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This week-end the Northumberland County Rifle Association meeting takes place at Ponteland, and there are good entries from this Battalion. At last the Battalion seems to be taking a real interest in musketry, and we hope the time is not far distant when this Battalion's shooting becomes really first class and the Cups of the Association are not all won by our friends the Tyneside Electrical Engineers and the Northumberland Hussars.

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General training has been very brisk, and there have been several week-end camps. The Headquarter Company's week-end at Gosforth Park, which was attended by all the recruits, was voted a very great success and was well organised by Capt. Parmeter, who has his heart and soul in the progress of the Headquarter Company.

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We have to thank Lieut.-Col. Frank Robinson, D.S.O., for his gift of a Cup to "D" Coy., in memory of his period of command of the Battalion, and especially the successful attack on Warnecourt Tower made by "D" Coy. in 1917. The Cup is to be competed for by the best platoon in "D" Company each year.

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Majors Wilkinson and Anderson represented the Battalion at the Naval Officers' Annual Dinner, held on the 27th inst., to commemorate the Battle of Jutland. Our Brigadier was also present, and replied for the guests in his own characteristic way. His comments on the superiority of our friends the Senior Service caused much quiet mirth.

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Everyone is at present polishing up for our sojourn in the

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vastness of Northern Wales, and Capt. Bell, who is the proud owner of an allotment on his City estate, is busily engaged in forced and intensive culture of leeks, with a view to his Company being well supplied with these articles, which we understand are absolutely essential for self-protection in that wild land which we are soon to visit.

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It has now been definitely decided that the Battalion Sports will not take place in camp this year, but will be held on the Brigade Sports Ground at Byker on Saturday, the 11th July. The preliminary heats will be run off in Camp.

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The new arrangement is a good one, as it will give an opportunity to friends of all ranks to see for themselves the athletic talent in the Battalion.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,

25th May, 1925.

The past month has been a very busy one, completing efficiency drills and firing the musketry course. We are indeed fortunate in having a good and safe range at Moorlaws, where the Morpeth, Ashington and Amble companies do their firing; while there is also a good range at Berwick. At both places we have only ourselves to consider—a very different matter to those whose only facilities are at Ponteland.

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We are pleased to hear that all companies are sending teams to Ponteland this week-end. Individual entries are also quite good. "B" Company are the holders of the Lambton Trophy, and Sgt.-Instr. Loder of the Hunting Cup for revolver shooting. We hope both of these will be retained by the Battalion, and that other honours may be in store for us.

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The announcement that R.S.M. Rowsell and Sgt.-Instr. Loder had each been granted extensions of a year with the Permanent Staff was a popular one.

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Quite a stir was caused in the little village of Chatton on the 3rd instant, when the platoon there had a church parade for the first time since the war. Capt. Appleby was in command, and the parade created a lot of interest, headed as it was by the Fifes and Drums, under Sgt.-Dmr. Adamson. The Rev. Frank Long, Rector, gave a most inspiring address.

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Five recruits have recently been obtained at Chatton, all being of a good type. Quite a fillip has been given to the platoon by its selection to work with the Cadre Platoon from the Depôt for demonstrations during annual training.

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Capt. T. Appleby, on behalf of the members, presented Cpl. J. L. Wilson with a silver teapot on the occasion of his marriage.

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Second-Lieut. M. Robson has completed his musketry course at the Depôt, Newcastle, and Capt. E. D. Mackay proceeds there in July for a similar purpose.

With so many other engagements during St. George's week the Amble Company decided to postpone their annual ball, and this came off on Friday evening, 22nd May. Needless to say, it was in every way a huge success, Capt. Appleby, Sgt. Instr. Cole, and the Committee seeing to that. Mrs. Cole and a ladies' committee had prepared a most excellent supper, which was greatly enjoyed at the interval. Parties were present from Alnwick, Wooler, Chatton and Ashington, and the large company thoroughly enjoyed themselves up to 3 a.m., to capital music by Brizlee's band from Alnwick. Sgt.-Instr. Cole and Fus. Stevens made efficient M.C.'s.

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Among those present were Majors Smail and Chenevix-Trench Capt. and Mrs. Appleby, Lieut. and Qmr. Adlard, 2nd-Lieut. Green, R.S.M. and Mrs. Rowsell, Armourer-Sgt. and Mrs. Cunningham, Sgt.-Dmr. Adamson (Alnwick), C.Q.M.S. Adamson, Sgts. Redfordland Wade (Ashington) and Sgt. White (Chatton).

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Old members heard with deep regret of the passing of Col. L. C. Lockhart, V.D., who commanded the 1st V.B.N.F., and in the early years of the Territorial Force the 4th Battalion. A fine type of officer, he was held in the highest esteem. Prior to T.F. days there was only one county battalion of Northd. Fusiliers (Volunteers), and Col. Lockhart was its last Commanding Officer.

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The K.O.S. Borderers (1st Battalion and Depôt) have recently been assisting its 4th Battalion (T.A.) in the running of boxing tournaments in Berwickshire. Wishing to promote one at Berwick, they very kindly asked "D" Company to join with them, and permission has been obtained to have the tournament at the Corn Exchange on Tuesday, 9th June. The thanks of the Berwick Detachment are due to our late Adjutant, Major Booth, for so readily consenting to send a team from the Depôt, Newcastle. The tournament is open to any Battalion of the 5th Fusiliers or K.O.S. Borderers, and it is hoped our own and other Battalions of the 149th Brigade will manage to send entrants.

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By the time the next notes are due we will have completed the 14 hours' journey to Pwllheli, and will be under canvas there. All ranks are looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to a happy and useful stay in Northern Wales. We are now 624 strong—a very creditable achievement—and strenuous efforts are to be made to get a bigger muster than ever in an attempt to win the *Daily Telegraph* Cup.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD.

30th May, 1925.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1912, 1913, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924.

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We regret any delay in the production of this number, or in replying to correspondence. The Whitsuntide holiday, com-

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bined with an enforced and unprepared absence from the Editorial sanctum, owing to its being in quarantine, have made the task of editing more than usually difficult to perform.

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Subscriptions due in June :—

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A. Brewis, Esq.
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Major H. R. Smail

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The Editor, "Memories"
Lt.-Col. H. W. Warwick

REGIMENTAL DINNER.

The annual Regimental Dinner took place at the Grand Hotel, on 28th May. Proceedings were "as usual," except that in addition to the two traditional toasts of H.M. The King, and absent friends, we drank the health of H.R.H. The Duke of York and the Officers of the Somerset Light Infantry, who were also dining in the same hotel and who very kindly sent a note to General Sir P. Wilkinson to say that they were then about to drink our health. The following Officers attended :—

Generals and Brigadiers.—W. Sitwell, Sir P. S. Wilkinson, W. E. Sturges, G. L. Herbert Armstrong, C. Yatman.

Colonels.—A. E. Whitaker, G. Money, M. Biddulph, C. Lambton, C. Turner, E. S. Heard, W. A. Wilmott, B. Cruddas, R. W. E. Gething, I. M. Bonham Carter, D. Sapte, H. R. Sandilands, E. B. Gordon, G. Landen, G. A. Pagan.

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Captains.—A. P. Garnier, D. Lindsay, R. Fenwick, Dorman Smith.

Lieuts. and 2nd-Lieuts.—P. Earle, G. Pease.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION (LONDON AREA).

The annual St. George's Day Ball was held at the Veterans' Club, Hand Court, Holborn, on the night of 23rd April. About 250 members and their friends attended, and dancing was kept up until a late hour. The following Officers attended :—Brigadier-General E. Morton, O.B.E. ; Col. D. Sapte (*Treasurer*); Lieut.-Cols. A. Landen, D.S.O., and C. P. Hawkes (*President*) ; Majors H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C., and W. M. Allen ; Capts. J. Pollard, J. Laing and J. T. Rowland ; and Lieuts. T. H. Joyce and E. J. Halliday.

The Ball Room was decorated with the St. George's flag and the battle honours.

Among the newly-enrolled members of the Association are Brigadier-General C. H. L. James, C.B., Col. S. H. Enderby and Lieut. H. W. Wilkinson ; Mr. T. Burdett (late Col.-Sergt. and formerly a Yeoman-Warder at the Tower of London), Mr. S. M. Clements (enlisted 1867, discharged 1890), Mr. W. G. Comerford (enlisted 1859), Mr. G. J. Ford (well-remembered as a 1st Batt. footballer) and Capt. G. H. Lewis (late 1st Batt.). Among new lady members are Mrs. Kilgour, Mrs. St. John, Mrs. Burn (who was born in the Regiment), Mrs. Jenkins (widow of the late Pioneer-Sergt. Jenkins) and Mrs. Ball (whose son was killed in the 11th Batt.).

The annual Armistice Day Dinner of the Association will be held on the night of *Wednesday, 11th November*, at *Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street*, and it is hoped that all Old Fusiliers who may then be in London will make an effort to be present. All particulars are obtainable from the Hon. Secretary of the Association, Mr. H. I. Morgan, 224, Huntingfield Road, Roehampton, S.W. 15.

It is also hoped that those who are now, or in the near future, about to take their discharges from the 1st and 2nd Battalions or at the Depôt, and who are likely to enter civilian life in the neighbourhood of London, will communicate with the Hon. Secretary at that address in order to become members of the Association.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1925.

H. HARVEY ("CHIPS"), late Pioneer-Sergeant, who joined the FIFTH in 1867; and G. BRYSON—two ex-Fifth Fusiliers, now of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea—with the wreath, on the Horse Guards Parade.

(*Photo by Mrs. Broad (nee Monteith), who was born in the Regiment.*)

CEREMONY AT THE CENOTAPH ON SUNDAY, 26TH APRIL.

The members of the Association assembled on the Horse Guards Parade on Sunday, 26th April (the Sunday next following St. George's Day), at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of marching to lay a wreath at the foot of the Cenotaph in Whitehall in memory of Fusiliers who fell in the Great War. About 200 members and friends of the Regiment attended, and the following Officers were present :—Brigadier-Generals the Hon. Charles Lambton, D.S.O., and G. H. L. Armstrong ; Col. D. Sapte

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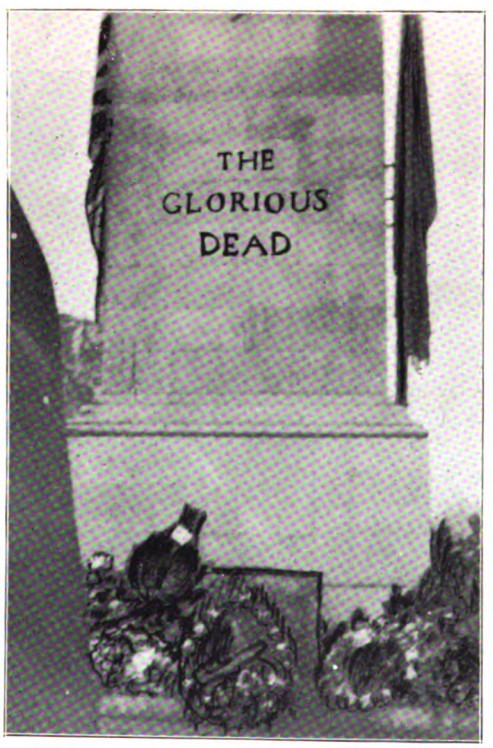
(*Treasurer*) ; Lt.-Col. C. P. Hawkes (*President*) ; Majors H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C., and W. M. Allen ; Capts. J. T. Rowland and J. Laing ; and Lieuts. A. W. Warner and E. J. Halliday. After inspection by Brigadier-General Lambton, the members headed by the Officers, moved off through the Horse Guards to Whitehall, where a magnificent wreath of red and white roses, bound with ribbons in the Regimental Colours, was deposited at the Cenotaph by Brigadier-General Lambton.

After the ceremony the members made their way to the Headquarters of the Corps of Commissionaires, in the Strand, which had been placed at the disposal of the Association by the kindness of the Commandant and the Corps Adjutant, Major W. L. Wadham, and where the honours were done appropriately by R.S.M. George Redhead, an old Fusilier, who never misses an opportunity of helping the Association of which he was an original member.



THE WREATH AT THE FOOT OF THE CENOTAPH.
(*Photo by Mrs. Morgan.*)

Letter to the Editor.

DEPÔT, NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
23rd May, 1925.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

We have been asked by the Director, Historical Section (Military Branch), Committee of Imperial Defence, if we can furnish the name of the Unit or Officer who gave the name of "Tyne Cot" to a farm 1,600 yds. N.E. of Zonnebeke. The 2nd Battalion served there in April, 1915.

The name first appears on maps dated 1916. If any of your readers can supply the answer we will send on the information to the proper quarter.

Yours faithfully,
R. M. BOOTH, Major,
O.C. Depot, Northd. Fusiliers.

SOLDIER ANECDOTES.

ORIENTAL WISDOM.

Here are some sayings which illustrate the wisdom of the philosophic East :—

It is not by crying "Honey !" that sweetness cometh into the mouth.

The soles of the feet heal, but not the spirit of the man who was bastinadoed.

All woods burn in silence ; save thorns, for the thorns, being swiftly consumed, desist not from crying out : "We are wood."

Haste is from Satan, but Leisure from Allah.

Say not what is pleasant but untrue, nor what is true but unpleasant.

Believe everything rather than nothing at all.

Trust in God, but tether your camel.

The east wind comes out of a snake's mouth.

A camel once tried to smile ; hence all camels have a cleft-lip.

The Locust said to Mohammed, "We are the army of the great God. We produce 99 eggs. If the hundred were complete, we should consume the whole world and all that is in it."

He who sleeps on the bosom of a goat spends the rest of his life in picking off the fleas.

A RESOURCEFUL LAD.

A small boy entered a general dealer's store in a small town, and asked if he might use the telephone. This is what the shopkeeper overheard :—

"Is Mr. Jones there ? . . . Mr. Jones, I hear you're looking for a boy to help you in your shop and run errands . . . you say you already have a boy. Is he giving satisfaction ? . . . He is ? . . . Thanks. Good-bye."

"Look here," said the shopkeeper, "I need a boy to help me here. Are you looking for work ?"

"Oh, no !" said the boy. "I work for Mr. Jones, and I just wanted to find out if I could risk asking for a rise."

A QUESTION.

Tommy went to a local butcher and ordered a pound of steak and half a pound of sausages. The butcher, wrapping up the steak, said : "There you are, Dad, that'll fry lovely." "Aye, she'll fry aal reet. Owt'll fry, but heaven only knaas hoo she'll eat !"

WISER AND POORER.

Rub : "Did you see much poverty in Europe ?
Dub : "Yes, and I brought some of it back with me !"

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

The following, on completion of a period of five years on the h.p. list, is placed on ret. pay on account of ill-health caused by wounds :—Capt. F. B. Corbet-Singleton, h.p. list, late Northumberland Fusiliers (dated 31st May).

Lieut. T. H. McClean is selected for service as an Adjt. Ind. Aux. Force (dated 1st May).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

5th Batt.—Lieut. T. A. Herdman to be Capt. (dated 30th April).

5th Batt.—Lieut. T. E. Anderson, late Res. of Off., to be 2nd-Lieut., and relinquishes the rank of Lieut. (dated 6th March).

Officers' Training Corps.—Capt. W. R. Allen (late North'd. Fus.) to be Lieut with precedence as from 28th June, 1920, for service with Skinner's School Contingent, Junior Division, O.T.C., and relinquishes the rank of Capt. (dated 1st June).

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

COLOGNE,

June, 1925.

The season of moves is upon us, and so the writer makes no apology for beginning these notes in the time-honoured fashion by saying that "the move" from Wahn Camp "took place" on 3rd June, without a hitch. Only two companies and a small portion of Headquarter Wing moved into barracks, the remainder staying in camp to carry out the company march, which started the next day. "W" and "Z" Companies formed the war strength company under the command of Captain Rushbrooke. The march was apparently of a pretty strenuous nature and was designed to bring out administrative, rather than tactical lessons—though the latter played a sufficiently prominent part—and it is pleasant to record that in the eyes of the critics our administrative arrangements left nothing to be desired. Another very satisfactory feature was the excellent way in which the large number of young soldiers who had only recently joined the Battalion stuck to it on the last day, when the marching capacity of everyone was severely tested on the final stage into Solingen.

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The two companies remain on detachment at Solingen until the middle of July, and by all accounts they are living quite a contented existence.

Training for the Rhine Army Sports goes on apace. Last year, as has already been mentioned in an earlier number, we were second. Since then new battalions have come to the Rhine, some of which contain some formidable athletes. This year, no doubt, the result will be closely contested, and we shall need every bit of our training if we are to be at the top. We ought to be thereabouts, but if we are to do ourselves justice, our team must be thoroughly fit. We can but do our best, but let us make sure that nothing in the way of training is left undone, so as to ensure that our representatives are at the top of their form when the day comes.

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Soon after our return from camp we played the Royal Artillery at cricket, in the first round of the Inter-Regimental Knock-out Competition. Under the existing rules it was a two-day match, and if both innings were not completed the match was to be decided on the first innings. Therein lay the rub. Our opponents went in and made 209. We replied with 206. The Artillery took their time in making 220 odd in the second innings, and as there was only three-quarters of an hour left the match ended there, leaving us losers by 3 runs in the first innings.

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Mr. Kilgour and Mr. MacMullen contributed considerably to our total, making 47 and 74 respectively; whilst other features of our play were the excellent innings of Mr. Jones, who stayed in a long time at a critical period and made 36, and the safe slip-catching of Mr. Beckwith. Cpl. Obey also held a good catch at deep mid-wicket.

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Result of match :—

FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* ROYAL ARTILLERY.

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

1ST INNINGS.		2ND INNINGS.	
Lieut. Maxwell, c Butterfield, b Obey ..	48	c Beckwith, b Powell ..	76
Lt.-Col. Langhorn, b Rushbrooke ..	6	lbw, b Rushbrooke ..	18
Gnr. Smith, b Kilgour	8	c MacMullen, b Bland ..	2
Lieut. Hill, c Finnamore, b Jones ..	54	c Kilgour, b Beckwith ..	30
Sgt. Barrett, c Obey, b Jones	30	c Powell, b Beckwith ..	4
Lieut. Russell, b Kilgour	10	c Butterfield, b Obey ..	22
Major Butler, c Rushbrooke, b Bland ..	9	c Butterfield, b Powell ..	14
Major Gover, c Beckwith, b Rushbrooke	12	b MacMullen	25
Lieut. Weir, c Beckwith, b Rushbrooke	4	b Powell	10
B.Q.M.S. Saunders, c MacMullen, b Rushbrooke	12	not out	0
Bdmn. Clee, not out	6	b Bland	11
Extras	10	Extras	28
Total	209	Total	240

Fall of wickets—*1st innings.*—1 for 14, 2 for 25, 3 for 90, 4 for 147, 5 for 159, 6 for 170, 7 for 187, 8 for 187, 9 for 202, 10 for 209.

2nd innings.—1 for 8, 2 for 58, 3 for 124, 4 for 134, 5 for 157, 6 for 178, 7 for 207, 8 for 221, 9 for 238, 10 for 240.

Bowling—*1st innings.*—Capt. Rushbrooke, 4 for 46; Lieut. Bland, 1 for 23; Lieut. Kilgour, 2 for 46; Lce.-Sgt. Finnamore, 0 for 27; Capt. Powell, 0 for 23; Cpl. Obey, 1 for 13; 2nd-Lieut. Jones, 2 for 16.

2nd innings.—Capt. Rushbrooke, 1 for 37; Lieut. Bland, 2 for 28; Lieut. Kilgour, 0 for 29; Lieut. Beckwith, 2 for 29; 2nd-Lieut. Jones, 0 for 28; Lce.-Sgt. Finnamore, 0 for 10; Cpl. Obey, 1 for 14; Capt. Powell, 3 for 32; 2nd-Lieut. MacMullen, 1 for 12.

5TH FUSILIERS.

Capt. Pemberton, b Saunders	2
Capt. Rushbrooke, c Saunders, b Maxwell	14
2nd-Lieut. MacMullen, b Clee	74
Lieut. Kilgour, c Gover, b Saunders	47
Lieut. Butterfield, lbw, b Gover	14
Capt. Powell, b Gover	0

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Lce. Sgt. Finnamore, b Barrett	0
2nd-Lieut. Jones, b Barrett	36
Lieut. Beckwith, b Barrett	7
Cpl. Obey, c Maxwell, b Clee	0
Lieut. Bland, not out	2
Extras	10
Total	206

Fall of wickets.—1 for 17, 2 for 17, 3 for 89, 4 for 115, 5 for 119, 6 for 122, 7 for 194, 8 for 200, 9 for 201, 10 for 206.

Bowling.—Clee, 2 for 40; Maxwell, 1 for 53; Saunders, 2 for 38; Barrett, 3 for 45; Gover, 2 for 20.

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We are not grumbling, but do say that the result might have been different if we had been able to have one practice game between our return from camp and the match, but it was impossible.

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We were very pleased to see Mr. Bennett, who arrived from the Depôt with a draft, but his stay was very short as he departed immediately he had handed over his flock. The draft has been posted to "Y" Company.

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Early in July, sad to relate, the Band leaves us for its tour on the South Coast of England. We wish them all good luck on their tour, but bemoan the fact that they take with them one or two useful athletes, who unfortunately cannot be in two places at once. We are lucky, however, to be retaining Lce.-Cpl. Obey for the Sports.

COURT CIRCULAR.

Major Critchley-Salmonson vacated his residence in the Bonner Stresse for a few days in June to attend the manœuvres of the French Army. If the manœuvres were on the same scale as his report on them, they must have been colossal.

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Capt. Powell and Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt are on short leave in England. We don't quite know why, but they are.

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Mr. MacMullen departed to Coblenz with a bright and shining guard as soon as we returned from camp. There were no dents in any of their steel helmets.

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Mr. Edgworth-Johnstone and Mr. Seth-Smith are to be congratulated on their wholesale defeat of the examiners in their recent promotion examinations. Captain Rushbrooke received a minor check in the Military Law paper: otherwise his victory was complete. Mr. Newstead, having at last adjusted his ideas on the length of the Suez Canal, passed in all but Tactics.

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Thanks to the wonderful weather, the polo players have been able to get games regularly during the last month.

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The "Marienburg Stiffs" have arisen, like the Phoenix, from the ashes of the Spring Tournament, and now consist of Mr. Seth-Smith, Mr. MacMullen, Mr. Bolster and Mr. Holmes, of the K.D.G.'s. They took part in the Cromwell Cup Tournament, and, following the precedent established early in their career, drew the eventual winners in the first round; in the Losers Tournament, however, they were more successful, winning the final *v.* the K.S.L.I., after a good game.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"SPORTSMAN."—No, it is not necessary to be of American extraction to play in an American Tennis Tournament.

"COLONIST."—In view of what you tell me of her remarkable capacity for collecting reliable information about other people, I am sure the Intelligence Service would be only too glad to engage your parlour-maid as an agent when she leaves you. She seems to be just the kind of person they want.

ST. GEORGE'S PEPYS.

May 30th.—This daye my lord Donald returned to campe after a-voyageinge to England for a weeke's furloughe so as to be present at the yearlie banquet of past and present officeres of the regiment, and on my askynge him how he did at the banquet he expressed some small displeasure at the bill of fare provyded sayinge he founde the food but dullish eatynge, and mentionynge that perchance it especiallie seemed so to him as he had been dinynge but the nighte before at the Berkeley Hostelrie, but whether by this he did mean that the fare at the Berkeley was so immeasuriblie superior or just that his owne palate was a trifle jayded by the cocktayles of the nighte before I did not rightlie understand, nor, since there does exist a law of libel in the lande would I care to mayke so bold as here to set down my owne conjecture on the poynte.

And later I did learne of the straynge fashion in which this unassumynge gentleman did most unexpectedlie have grateness thrust upon him so that I fell a-musynge upon the old saw of how some men are born to grateness, some others do achieve it, and yet others do have it thrust upon them, and was mightilie stricken with the truth of it, inasmuch as he, though by no means belongynge to either of the first two classes, yet did prove to be an example of how a man, though not being born grate, nor yet by any means achievynge grateness, may nevertheless have grateness thrust upon him.

By all accountes it befell in this wise. My lord D., durynge his sojourne in England apparentlie stayed at the house of a wealthie man from America, and, durynge this time, fell in with a Maharajah of the Indies, who, pleased with his prettie discourse and gallante bearynge, did invyte him as his guest to the Militarie Tourney at Olympia one nighte. Now it did so hap that the sayme nighte the said Maharajah had the use of the Royalle Boxe, His Majestie the Kinge not usynge it, and so, not onlie was my lord D. admitted to the priveleged companie of an Eastern Potentate, thereby addynge to the list of his royalle acquaintances, but did have access to the Royalle Boxe to boote. This surelie should have been a sufficient measure of grateness for one daye, yet Fortune still had destined that he should rise to giddier heights, for the tayle goes on of how he did arryve in stayte at the Tourney, all bedight in talle hat and tayle coat, in a grate luxurious Rolls Royce carre (kindlie lent by his American hoste)——and methinks it must indeede have been a prettie sighte to see him alightynge from it with as little unconcern as if he were alightynge, as is his wont, from a five tramme at Marienburg——and on his arrivynge did find himself a little earlier than his hoste, and so was ushered into the Royalle Boxe alone.

And it so chanced that whilst he was sittynge alone in the Boxe, with a colonel of Marines a-standynge behind to do his biddynge, the Tourney began, the troops marchynge into the arena and with grate pompe and ceremonie salutynge the Royalle Boxe contayninge my lord D. And so it befell that he, who had but obtayned a weeke's furlough to attend at the

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regimental banquet, did find himsself in regal stayte in the Royalle Boxe takynge the salute of the pick of our forces at the Militarie Tourney, with the specktaytors, among whom were to be numbered marshalles and generalles, a-lookynge arounde all agog to see who was the Personage receivynge this grate honour, and speckulaytinge among themselves as to whether he were a connection of the Royalle Famillie or perhaps some European prince who was theyre guest, so brayve was his bearynge.

And now all the discourse is of the grate honour Fortune has bestowed upon us all, and everywhere is grate rejoycinge that she should have lighted upon an officere from amongst us of so distinguished bearynge and mien to play the part. And indeede many do saye that by reason of it all we are soone to be the Fifth (Royalle) Fusiliers, which I should not grately be surprised at.

And so it seems that by some luckie spelle whenever my lord D. does don his tayle coat and talle hat some fresh honour is bestowed by Fortune upon him.

June 12th.—This evenynge whilst passynge through the wicket gate from the officeres quarters to the messe was grately shocked to see the fire hosepipe passynge thro' the gate towards the officeres' messe, and all arounde it were the regimental police hurryinge and fussynge in a prettie hubbub with serjeante Philips in grate authoritie and policeman Dwyer lookynge mightie wet and very serious, so that I did think the messe must be afire and, fearynge grately for our colours and silver and pictures and other valuables, made grate haste thither, only to find Count Blandino lookynge mightie glum a-standynge in the middle of the garden graspynge the metal end of the pipe and not a trickle of water flowynge out of it, but nowhere could I perceive a sign of any conflagration; and so, seeing no fire enquired from him the reason for his sorrie stayte of gloome; and it appeares that he had but used the fire hosepipe for to play water on the playce where he had been at pains to plant some seedes, but, in spite of all the water flowynge *into* the pipe, none was flowynge *out*, and all the to do with the police was because they were but five in number and this was insufficient to stop the holes in the pipe wherefrom all the water was escayping before it came to the end of it, which Count Blandino, with no avail, was holdynge over the plot where his seedes were lyinge. And so methinks there was some reason for his gloome, but not so much on accounte of the parched stayte of his seedes as by reason of the sorrie plighte we may well finde ourselves in when some poor fool through lack of thought may cause a fire in barrackes in these straitened dayes when our exchequer cannot afforde us the pittance wherewith to buy a pipe which will holde the water from one ende to the other.

June 18*th*.—This daye, feelynge in martialle moode, betook myself to the barracke square for to see the serjeante-major's parayde, for it pleases me not a little to looke upon row on row of our brayve fellowes all eagerlie awaitynge the sharpe, crispe commande of the grate man, and then movynge in theyre hundreds in perfect unison and obedience. And on arrivynge there feared I must have been sadlie misinformed, for instead of my findynge some hundreds of soulderes in brayve arraye, the barracke square was a verie desert and in the midst of it all a sillie squadde of twenty men or more a-movynge in small circles to the commandes "on the right forme squadde," and such like, so that I thought this must be the rascallie defaulteres or some platoone exercysinge itself in the movements: and yet on enquirynge was told that this was verilie the serjeante-major's parayde and that the rest of our soulderes were at Solingen, or on guarde at Coblence, or with the militarie police, and that the pick of them all were engayged on the loftier duties of sittynge outsyde the doors of the mightie ones at headquarters, a-readynge of cheap periodicals and runnynge perhaps as two errands in one daye from one roome to another; so that in face of it all I needs must wonder how theyre officeres, who are said to be in some small measure responsible for they're trayninge and efficiencie, do ever chance upon the opportunitie to see to it except they belong to the Headquarter Winge, which is, they saye, above that kind of work.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

June, 1925.

Since our last notes were penned, very little of interest has happened which is worth recording.

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This has been on account of two companies being on detachment at Solingen, and in consequence the absence of a few of our celebrities who usually (be it whispered) by "accident and design" make news for these columns.

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C.S.M. Wisdon and Lce.-Sgt. Croft proceeded on leave to the U.K. during the month, for the purpose of competing in the qualifying rounds for the Marriage Stakes (50 sovs. and a wife added).

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The congratulations of the Mess are extended to both, and we wish them all good luck in their new sphere of life.

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The Dining Members urge me to say that these two always know where to come if there is any food trouble during the first month or so.

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Of course, being married myself, I am in a position to advise the Dining Members not to believe EVERYTHING they read in books.

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We regret to have to report the illness of R.S.M. G. Pullan, D.C.M., who underwent an operation on the 22nd of June.

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We tender him our sympathy and wish him a speedy recovery. We are able to say that he is at present going along slowly but surely towards recovery.

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Sergt. Locke left for U.K. during the month to undergo a Machine Gun Course. Being very delicate, and also taking a size 6 cap S.D., we are sure that the "holiday" will do him good, and the Q.M. will have no difficulty in finding a cap to fit him when he returns, by reason of his "bursts of knowledge"—he'll take a "7" at least.

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Sergt. Crawley—("he of the cheeky disposition")—in company with "Transport Shun," has been trying to eclipse William Turpin, of York fame.

Little has escaped of their dire secret, but the little news that my journalistic ears have been able to take in, I will unfold.

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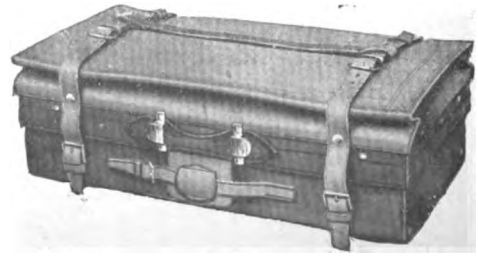

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A "canter" was arranged, and took place.

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The following was entered in "Transport Shun's Log Book":—

3.15 p.m. "Canter."
3.16 p.m. "Canterer."
3.17 p.m. "Canterererer."
3.18 p.m. "Canterererererer."
3.19 p.m. "Canterererererer."
3.20 p.m. "Gallop."
3.21 p.m. "Galloper." Etc., etc., etc., etc.

Result.—The difference between William Turpin's visit to York and Sergt. Crawley's hurried departure for ———— was that the former was able to keep seated on his steed.

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MORAL.—Never take hold of his ears, boy—
Never take hold of his ears.

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It is interesting to note that the Fire Escape (after allowing its parts "absence *without* leave") has reassembled itself.

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Our worthy Provost-Sergeant and A. N. Other have several brand new grey hairs over its playful little frolic.

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The "Song of the Provost" may be summed up in the following:—

"Fire Escape, Fire Escape, where have you been?"
(Third Nut on centre wheel.)
"Listen! 'Left cog,' what DOES the man mean,
P. Sergeant?"
The bloom on the Q.M.'s cheeks soon will be fading.
"Left cog."
"We're a Fire Escape." "Dammit! we've been 'escapading.'"

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And the "Song of A. N. Other":—

"Little Provost
Has lost his beau,
And can't tell where to find it;
We'll leave it alone,
And it's bound to come home
With all its spare 'cogs' behind it."

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This has been the topic of the month.

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Ridiculous—yes—we agree, but not half so ridiculous as the fact that two men tried to convince one man that the Fire Escape had taken leave of its wheels and cogs.

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To conclude.—Sergt. Donavon visited us during the month, while on Draft Conducting Duty, and we were pleased to see him looking so fit and well.

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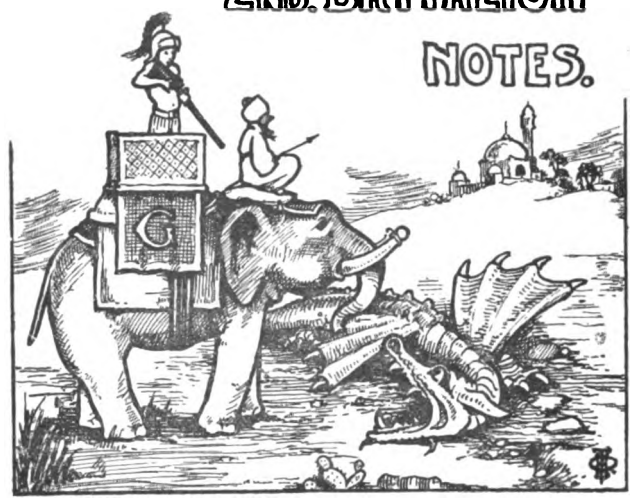
AND—Sergt. Hetherington continues to "kid" his tea into the idea of thinking that it is lemonade.

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



FYZABAD,
20th May, 1925.

It is with great regret that we have to announce the death of two more of our members since our last notes were written.

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Dmr. Andrews, the second victim of smallpox in the Battalion, died on the 24th April. To his relatives and friends we extend our sincere sympathy. He was well known in the Battalion as a member of St. George's Minstrels, and as a fine athlete, having represented the Battalion in the 440 yds. race at the recent Brigade Sports.

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To O.R. Q.M.S. Willson we tender our most sincere sympathy on the sad death of his wife, which occurred with some suddenness in Fyzabad on the morning of the 12th May. By her unfailing kindliness to those around her, Mrs. Willson had gained the respect and esteem of all with whom she came in contact, and her husband may be assured of their fullest sympathy in his bereavement.

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As announced in our last notes, the usual festivities in connection with St. George's Day had been cancelled owing to the outbreak of smallpox, and the day passed quietly.

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A ceremonial guard-mounting parade was held in place of the Trooping of the Colours, and the Commanding Officer took the opportunity to present the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to C.Q.M.S. T. A. Tudor, M.M., to whom we offer our congratulations. In the evening the officers dined together. Our only visitor was Capt. C. H. Steel, M.C., who holds an adjutancy in Calcutta, and who would not be deterred from visiting the Battalion by any fear of the perils he might encounter in our midst.

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Congratulatory messages on St. George's Day were received from the following:—The 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions; The Depôt; The Old Comrades' Association; General Sitwell; Colonel-Commandant Girdwood; Colonels Sturges, Heard, Ainslie, Money, Platt; Colonel and Mrs. Enderby; Colonel and

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Mrs. Cruddas ; Majors St. John and Leverson ; Major and Mrs. Stephen ; Major and Mrs. Ovans ; Major Allen and family ; Mrs. Clifford ; Capt. and Mrs. Baxter ; Captain and Mrs. Attwater ; Capt. Tarleton ; Capt. Stewart, R.A.M.C. ; Lieuts. Thomas, Martin and Brough.

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The prevalence of smallpox in the City and Regimental Bazaar has necessitated placing nearly everywhere out of bounds, and has seriously interfered with both training and recreation. However, we were congratulating ourselves that at any rate the "clerk of the weather" was our friend, as it has been delightfully fresh, with cool nights and plenty of breeze ; but, alas ! the medical authorities have undeceived us. They declare that unless the normal sultry heat of May arrives soon to burn up germs, mosquitoes and suchlike harmful things, we shall have a real outbreak of smallpox. We were almost under the impression that we had been having one, but of course one never knows !

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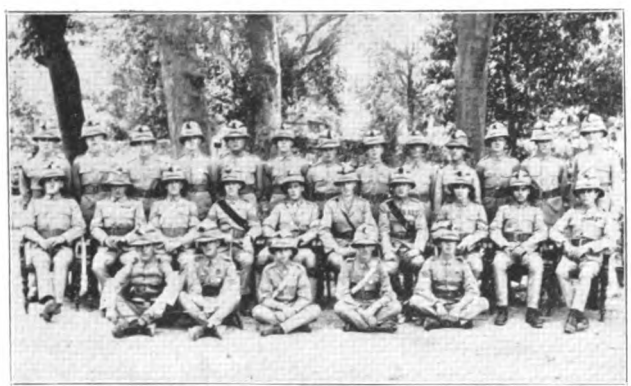
The first detachment left for the Hill Depôt at Ranikhet on



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the 25th April, and will remain there for about two and a half months. They were, perhaps, lucky to get away on the appointed date, as there was a possibility of them being detained here in quarantine ; but their luck did not last long. One of the assistant surgeons who came from Lucknow to attend them on the journey developed smallpox *en route* and the whole party found themselves again segregated on arrival at their destination. In addition, Rose went down with fever and had to be dropped, and Flower and several other members of the party got influenza during the march up from Kathgodam. One would have thought their cup of bitterness was full ; but not a bit of it ! We hear now that the Colonel's dog "Mick" has died of suspected rabies, and as a precautionary measure Rose, Surtees and Jenney have been sent to Kasauli for treatment at the Pasteur Institute.

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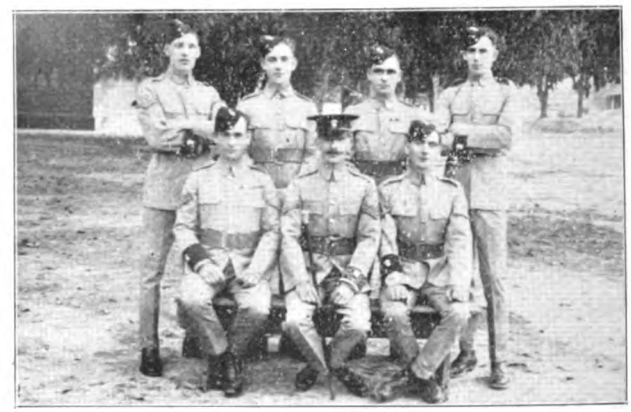
After all this we were hardly moved to interest on being told that there was a case of smallpox in the Officers' Mess compound, or that the boy who daily brings provisions to the Mess is suffering from a promising culture of leprosy !

Three excellent games of "soccer" have been played between the Corporals and Fusiliers, in which the former triumphed in



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the third match after a close game ; and a return match has been played between Officers and Fusiliers of over one-and-a-half and under nine years' service, in which the latter obtained their revenge by 3 goals to 2.

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Our efforts to carry on Cinema performances in the open—necessitated by the closing of the theatre on medical grounds—was frustrated after the first three nights by the full moon. Thanks be, we are once more free to use the theatre and Institutes !

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Humphreys and Earle have passed in subject (*b*) for promotion to the rank of captain. The ability of the former was so apparent to the examiners that they felt they could do no less

2ND BATT. REGIMENTAL FOOTBALL TEAM, SEASON 1924–25.

than recommend him for a "special" certificate. Our most hearty congratulations !

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Earle has now left us for a tour of duty at the Depôt.

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Colonel Sandilands, Pringle and Ingledew have gone on leave to England. The last named has achieved what may perhaps be a record in having taken only two months' leave of absence during a period of six years' continuous service in tropical climes. During the last two and a half years he has held the appointment of Adjutant to the Battalion, and has gone through some arduous times. That he was in urgent need of a rest and change of climate was obvious to all beholders, and we trust he will come back to us reinvigorated in mind and body by a visit to his native hills of Wales.

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Humphreys assumed the duties of Acting-Adjutant on the departure of Ingledew.

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Colonel Kershaw assumed command of the Battalion with effect from the 1st May, on the departure of Colonel Sandilands on leave.

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On the same day Cooper assumed the duties of Station Staff Officer, Fyzabad.

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Our congratulations are due to McLean on his selection for

"A" COY. FOOTBALL TEAM.
WINNERS OF INTER-COMPANY FOOTBALL LEAGUE, 1924–25.

the appointment as Adjutant to the East Bengal Railway Battalion, of which the Headquarters are in Calcutta. He left us on the 26th April, and we wish him every success in his new rôle.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

It is with very deep regret that we have to record the death of Mrs. Willson, the wife of O.R. Q.M.S. Willson. Every member of the Mess feels this as the loss of a great personal friend, as well as a friend of the Mess in general, for whatever there was to be done for its benefit she was heart and soul in it. On behalf of the whole Mess we would convey to the O.R. Q.M.S. our very deep sympathy in his great bereavement, rendered more sad by its suddenness.

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The isolation of the Battalion through smallpox has completely taken the wind out of our sails. We were hoping to have written several pages in account of our St. George's Day festivities, which promised to be the best since the Battalion came abroad, but "The best laid plans, etc.," and consequently it was one of the quietest. Nevertheless, we take this opportunity of congratulating C.Q.M.S. Tudor, M.M., on the presentation to him of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, especially on the "Long Service" part of it.

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The presentation was made by the Commanding Officer on the Ceremonial Guard-mounting parade on the morning of St. George's Day, and was attended by all the Officers, amongst whom we were glad to see Capt. C. H. Steele, M.C., from Calcutta, and the majority of the Battalion as spectators.

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We received a challenge from the Oudh and Rohilkund Railway to a shoot, billiards and tennis. This was accepted and fought out on the 14th May. The shoot ended in a win for us by 90 points; and again in billiards by 80 points. At tennis, however, we were forced to take off our hats, for after some really good games we were beaten by 60 games to 39. We should like to thank the members of the Railway, and in particular the ladies, who so very kindly gave us such a good day.

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We have on at present a Mess Tennis Tournament, which will be commented on in our next notes, the chief object of the tournament being to find fresh young blood, which we shall assuredly do, when our friend the Pioneer Sergeant takes the court.

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We have just had the pleasure of meeting an old Fusilier, S/Sgt. Fowles, who has been transferred to Fyzabad as Barrack Master in the M.W.S. He served with the 4th Battalion in 1905 at Limerick, afterwards being transferred to the Border Regiment on the disbandment of the 4th Battalion. We extend to him a hearty welcome to the Mess; and in fact he has already proved himself a good friend to the Mess, in more ways than one.

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Congratulations to Lce.-Sgts. Heron and Evans on their promotion to Sergeants, and to Cpl. Slade on his appointment as Lce.-Sergeant.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

PWLLHELI,
25th June, 1925.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

We would like to have said many words this month, but regret that we are far too busy devising ways and means of winning the Champion Company Cup.

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

We would like to have said many words this month, but regret that we are far too busy devising ways and means of winning the Champion Company Cup.

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SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Once again we meet, and our Mess is complete in camp except for one member.

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On arrival of the train at Newburn the remainder of the Battalion entrained, the Champion Company and the Prudhoe Guards being re-inforced by the Foreign Legion.

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We are too busy to relate our experiences in camp, but hope to give a long account next month relating our doings in Wales.

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

IN THE FIELD,
PWLLHELI,
NORTH WALES,
26th June, 1925.

What a life! What a land! What a language! We gather from the interpreter which a generous Army Council has attached to each Battalion (we don't think!), that the name "Pwllheli" (which is pronounced "Poolthelley") means the "Salt water pool," but there is evidence that it also means "Soda water fountain." Which is borne out by the fact that all the public-houses close at 9 daily, and all day on Sunday. The latter has necessitated a special guard on all canteens because, strange as it may seem, the Sabbath Day is apparently the only one on which the civilian population takes any interest in our carryings on!

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It has been a very strenuous fortnight, with truly wonderful weather, and we are all returning to civilian life as brown as berries.

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The life has been very pleasant, thanks to the weather, though we fear the troops did not find much attraction in Pwllheli, which is a small town with a listless population. The civic authorities, however, did whatever they could to make life enjoyable, and save for a small error in cutting off the water supply for two days, performed their task right nobly.

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The Battalion Cups were won as follows:—

Duke's Cup—"C" Coy.
Worsley Gough Cup—"C" Coy.
Football Cup—"A" Coy.
Simon Trophy—Lieut. D. D. Rutherford.
Musketry Cup—"B" Coy.

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In Brigade events we got the first two men home in the Cross-Country Running, viz.: Lieut. J. L. Challenor and Cpl. Fyfe, both of "A" Coy. We also got into the final of the Football Cup, and were beaten by the 4th Batt. by 2 goals to 1.

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Our tennis pair, Capts. Bell and Clayton, beat the Brigadier and Brigade Major in the Brigade Tennis Championship by 2 sets to 1.

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Turning to things military, we have learnt a few things:—

(1) That a machine gunner must have a range card.
(2) That the P.R.I. is the hardest worked man in the Battalion.
(3) That private boots on parade are an abomination and ought to be abolished.

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The Sports Committee have met twice daily, and the eliminating events have been run off, so now all is in order for the Sports on 11th July, when we hope there will be a good beat up.

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Nothing now remains but for us to pack up and get back to our wives (if any), and to look back on a very pleasant fortnight spent in congenial surroundings with fine weather and fine fellows.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

PWLLHELI,
25th June, 1925.

The Battalion moved to Pwllheli, North Wales, as part of the Brigade, to perform their Annual Training. A good attendance has been affected, representing 92.1 of the actual strength of the Battalion.

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The journey was made by special train commencing at Berwick, where "D" Coy. and its attached Headquarters Wing joined. The balance of the Battalion joined the train between Berwick and Morpeth. Although the railway did not think it essential to consider the comfort of the troops, and neglected to provide corridor rolling stock, the journey, which occupied nearly 17 hours, was completed in comparative comfort and without casualties. It was noticed, however, that the younger bloods found it very inconvenient when their initial supply of water was exhausted.

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A meal was obtained on the journey at Chester. The clamour of the young bloods for "water" was satisfied by the issue of one pint of hot tea per man.

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Sixteen Officers are present in camp, and in addition Lieut. Forbes Watson, of the Training Cadre (Depôt), is attached.

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The Officers in camp are:—Brevet-Col. N. I. Wright, D.S.O.; Major H. R. Smail, T.D.; H.Q. Wing, Capt. D. C. McCreath, M.C.; "A" Coy., Capt. F. B. Cowen, M.C., Lieut. W. C. W. Potts, 2nd-Lieut. W. E. R. Fuller; "B" Coy., Capt. E. H. Watson, Lieut. F. W. Clay; "C" Coy., Capt. T. Appleby, 2nd-Lieut. G. H. Green; "D" Coy., Lieut. T. Ledgerwood, 2nd-Lieuts. M. Robson and V. W. Brown. The Adjutant, Bvt.-Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., Capt. W. H. Dargie, M.C. (Brigade Transport Officer), Lieut. and Q.M. C. Adlard, M.M., and Capt. P. W. MacLagan, M.C., R.A.M.C., and Cadet Officer W. Sanderson (attached "C" Coy.) have also been present for the full period; and the Rev. H. G. H. Shaddick, C.T., has been with us for ten days.

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The members of the Training Cadre are also attached to the Battalion, to demonstrate the mysteries of the present day system of military training. The value of these attachments to Territorial Battalions is witnessed by the rapid advance of the raw recruits to a state of efficiency bordering on that of the professional soldier.

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Touch has at last been got with "Mars" through "Peter" of the culinary department. A much debated point since contact was obtained has been the question. When is a rissole not a rissole? and if it is meat, why the camouflage?

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R.S.M. Rowsell and Sergt. Cole have both been permitted by the powers-that-be to continue in the Service beyond 21 years.

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The Battalion were very successful at the recent Rifle Meeting held at Ponteland. The results were as under:—

	Score.
Morpeth Prize. 7 shots at 200 yards.	
1st, C.Q.M.S. S. Adamson (£4 and Medal) ..	33
9th, Sergt. R. Redford	28
Tyros.	
Q.M.S. T. Hall	27
Sergt. T. Taylor	25
County Prizes. 7 shots at 500 yards.	
3rd, Sergt. G. Wade	31
7th, Q.M.S. T. Hall	30
Association. 7 shots at 600 yards.	
1st, C.S.M. H. C. Payne (£4 and Medal) ..	34
3rd, Sergt. T. Smailes	33
5th, Sergt. M. McFadden	31
6th, Cpl. B. Tinkler	31
11th, Sergt. G. Wade	28
Tyros.	
Sergt. T. Taylor	24
Chipchase Cup. Aggregate.	
5th, Sergt. G. Wade	83
Tyros.	
Cpl. B. Tinkler	79
Q.M.S. T. Hall	77
Lord Lieutenant's Prizes. 7 shots at 300 yards and 7 at 500 yds.	
8th, C.Q.M.S. S. Adamson	58
10th, R.Q.M.S. T. Hall	56
16th, Pte. L. Goodfellow	54
24th, Sergt. W. C. Loder	52
Tyros.	
Sergt. R. Redford	50
Cpl. B. Tinkler	49
County Aggregate Prizes.	
12th, Pte. L. Goodfellow	137
R.Q.M.S. T. Hall	133
C.Q.M.S. H. C. Payne	117
Lambton Challenge Cup (£18).	
2nd, "B" Coy.	247
3rd, "C" Coy.	239
4th, "A" Coy.	211
Earl Grey Challenge Shield.	
4th, "B" Coy.	89

Recruits' Prizes. (Recruits' Medal and £11.)

1st, Fus. T. Lowther	42
2nd, Fus. J. Dudding	41
4th, Fus. J. Falcus	32
6th, Fus. W. McLain	31
7th, Fus. H. O. Kay	31
9th, Fus. W. Turnbull	27
13th, Fus. R. Bell	26

"Newcastle Chronicle" Challenge Cup (and £7).

1st, "B" Company (No. 2 Team)	140
2nd, "B" Coy. (No. 1 Team)	124
10th, "C" Coy.	54

Permanent Staff Competition in connection with Chipchase Cup.

2nd, Sergt. E. A. Timbers	73

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"B" Company are to be congratulated on the wonderful performance of their teams in the Recruits' competition, the second team winning the *Chronicle* Cup.

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Since our arrival in camp the Battalion have been blessed with A1 weather, and as yet has not had one wet day. The result is that the troops are full of vim and possessed of radiant faces.

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It seems to be the fate of the Battalion to have periodical visits from that very elusive hill tribe, the Swaziwallahs. They again raided our lines last night, but fortunately no casualties have been reported.

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Who introduced chrisps into the Sergeants' Mess? and is it a fact that all the members now carry chrisps instead of the elusive unexpended portion.

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The Battalion Sports take place in town to-day. Results and notes will appear in next issue.

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The Jazz Orchestra has been increased, and if reports are true, will cause much mirth at the Sports.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD.

June, 1925.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924.

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As your Editor has been suddenly and unexpectedly ordered to undergo a course of treatment for three months, as an alternative to a severe and immediate operation, we hope you will excuse us if you do not get replies to your letters by return of post. For the next three months, at any rate, we shall be moving about, but have made all possible arrangements to ensure the efficient running of the *Gazette*.

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On 9th August, Major-General Sir Percy Wilkinson is to unveil a memorial to the late Major A. C. Milne Home in Hutton Church, near Berwick-on-Tweed. We publish this information because we feel sure that if any of his many friends are in that part of the world they will wish to be present on that occasion.

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We regret the diminutive size of this number. As it happened, all Battalions seem to have been short of copy, and we had no spare copy to hand. We have therefore been forced, as an emergency measure to fall back on old copy, a proceeding we deplore—but what will you, when budding literary genius declines to supply us with those racy articles which used to be such a feature in the good old days.

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The Annual Report of the Commanding Officer of the Corps of Commissionaires contains the following paragraph :—

> "A change of some importance has been made by the appointment of Mr. Redhead, for many years Sgt.-Major of the Division, to the charge of all parties detailed for duty at race meetings ; his place as Sgt.-Major being taken by Mr. Jennings. The post requires much tact as well as ability, and I am confident it will be well filled by the new Sgt.-Major as it was by the last. Race meetings, involving so much employment, are of particular importance to us, and Mr. Redhead's long experience and personal acquaintance with managers should be of much value in extending our business that way."

We feel sure we are expressing the desire of all 5th Fusiliers, both past and present, in offering to Sgt.-Major Redhead our heartiest congratulations upon his selection for so important a post, both on personal grounds and for the credit of the Regiment. A great many 5th Fusiliers know and esteem Sgt.-Major Redhead as an old friend and comrade, and many more know him by name as a fine example of what a 5th Fusilier should be, and a staunch upholder of that *esprit de corps* which lives long after time has severed an active connection with the old Regiment.

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Subscriptions due in July :—

Mr. G. Barnard
Mr. W. Fuller
Capt. T. C. Redwood
Major G. Wilkinson, M.C.

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Lt.-Col. H. W. Warwick

Letter to the Editor.

8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
30th June, 1925.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st April and 30th June, 1925, as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Colonel S. H. Enderby	2	2	0
Mrs. Herbert Armstrong	2	2	0
Mrs. Blackett Ord	1	0	0
Brig.-Gen. C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O.	3	3	0
Major C. E. Thornton, O.B.E.	1	1	0
Mrs. Cherry	1	1	0
Major B. T. St. John	2	2	0
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Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT (Lt.-Col.),
Secretary.

THE TURNING OF THE WORM.

Mrs. Smith was repeatedly reminding her hubby that she owned the silver, that she owned the furniture, and so on, until poor Smith almost wished he had married some poor girl. The other night, Mrs. S. woke in alarm. Strange sounds were heard in the lower part of the house, and, quickly rousing her husband, she cried :

"John, John ! Get up ! There are burglars in the house ! "

"Eh ? " inquired Mr. Smith, rubbing his eyes.

"Burglars downstairs ! " repeated Mrs. S.

"Burglars ? " said Smith, as he turned over. "Well, I don't own anything."

A MAGNATE DESCRIBED.

"Pa," said little Willie, "what is the difference between a magnet and a magnate ? "

"A magnet, Willie, is a metallic substance, generally iron, which will attract certain metals, but not gold or silver. A magnate is a metallic substance, invariably of brass, which will attract gold and silver only."

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SPORT IN THE FIGHTING SERVICES.

POLO.

The victories of the American Army team over our own at Hurlingham were fair examples of the triumph of organisation over individualism. Organisation in games has a distasteful sound in the ears of the average Englishman, it savours too strongly of professionalism ; but it will prevail in the end, and without it one cannot expect to win.

The scores in the two matches played were 8 goals to 4 and 6 to 4.

The final of the Military Handicap Cup at Roehampton was won by the 14/20th Hussars, who beat the 17/21st Lancers Subalterns' side by 10 to 3.

ATHLETICS.

July is *the* month in the year in so far as Service Athletic Championships are concerned. On the 10th and 11th the Army Individual Championships take place, on the 15th the Inter-Services, and on the 28th and 29th the Army Athletic Team Championships at Aldershot.

The Royal Corps of Signals have registered several excellent performances already this year, Cpl. Cotterell being, of course, very much to the fore. The R.A.F., however, are serious contenders for athletic honours, possessing several smart performers over both the short and long distances.

GOLF.

The Golf Championship was contested at Burnham-on-Sea, and in the team event the Rifle Brigade beat the Irish Guards in the 36 holes final round by 7 to 3. Play was by holes up between teams of 4. Capt. A. Barry (Royal Tank Corps) won the Individual Championship with a total of 159 for 36 holes, his scores in the two rounds being 79 and 80. The runner-up was Capt. A. R. Smith (R.A.S.C.) with 160 —81, 79.

BOXING.

Some interesting notes are at hand from the Army Boxing Association, and although many readers may be acquainted with them, a brief outline will no doubt be appreciated by those abroad.

It may not be generally known that the A.B.A. is now an amateur body. In consequence, there is now more boxing going on both at home and abroad than at any time previously. In a recent Inter-Service contest the Army won every weight from the R.N. and the R.A.F., and as a result the Services were represented at the Amateur Championships of Great Britain by a team composed entirely of Army boxers. At these Championships this team met the amateur champions from every part of Great Britain. It was composed as follows :—

Heavy.—Lieut. D. Lister, M.C., The Buffs.
Light Heavy.—Cpl. C. Wheeler, R.C. of S.
Middle.—Sergt. F. Crawley, Royal Tank Corps.
Welter.—Signaller H. Langley, R.C. of S.
Light.—Signaller E. Viney, R.C. of S.
Feather.— Signaller A. Richmond, R.C. of S.
Bantam.—Cpl. G. Aguzzi, Northants.
Fly.—Sgt. C. Haslam, The Loyal Regt.

After a whole day's fighting before some 5,000 spectators, the Services won the heavy and the light-weight titles. This is the first occasion since 1896, when Capt. E. Johnstone won the heavy-weight, that any boxer from the Services has won an amateur championship. The remainder of the team all did well. Sgt. Haslam met the final winner in the first round, and gave him one of his hardest fights. In the middles, Sgt. Crawley nearly defeated the final winner in the semi-finals, and in the light-heavies Cpl. Wheeler put up what was acknowledged to be the finest fight of the tournament.

We are reminded of the importance of insuring that our boxers remain amateurs. From now onwards the reinstatement of boxers who fight as professionals, after they have joined the Services, will only be granted in exceptional cases.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR EMPLOYMENT OF REGULAR SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN.

(119, Victoria Street, London, S.W. 1.)

The National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen was founded in 1885 on a voluntary and civilian basis on the occasion of a special meeting of " Persons interested in the question of employing Reserve Soldiers in Civil Life," with Field-Marshal Lord Napier of Magdala in the chair. The general policy, object and principles, as drawn up by its first Committee were as follows—they still govern the actions of the Association, but now apply to Sailors and Airmen as well as to Soldiers :—

(1) The civilian element should always be regarded as an important factor in its management—*i.e.*, the work of the Association should be National.

(2) The Association to be a free Labour Agency to assist Reserve and discharged soldiers of " good " character in obtaining employment, and a medium through which employers might seek for men of high training and discipline. No fees to be charged to employers or employees.

(3) It should keep itself aloof from giving monetary help of any kind, so that men of the highest character and qualifications could utilise the services of the Association without loss of self-respect.

(4) It charges itself with the duty of urging on the public and on the Government, the right of the soldier to civil employment after good service with the Colours, and of bringing to the notice of Parliament the duty of the State in its several departments with regard to this matter.

With the approval and support of the Secretary of State for War and Lords Lieutenant of Counties, branches were established at the chief commercial and industrial centres throughout the United Kingdom, with agencies at smaller places. During 1922, with the approval of the Admiralty and Air Ministry, the Association's operations were extended to include Sailors and Airmen.

The Association is distinct from all other bodies and organisations that have more or less similar objects, in the fact that it only registers the names of men of the Regular Forces who must have had at least three years' service and whose service characters and records are at least " Good." The exceptional position in which it has been placed by the Admiralty, War Office and Air Ministry, enables it to verify each man's records, and to recommend to employers only those men who can be

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guaranteed so far as Service antecedents, character and subsequent references are concerned. This constitutes a valuable safeguard to employers, and is very largely responsible for the success which has attended the Association's efforts to obtain employment (over 220,000 having been placed in permanent positions). The reputation for efficiency and character of the men registered on its books leads to a repetition of applications for men from those employers who make use of the Association.

As already stated, the Association takes no fees from either employers or men, relying for its income on :—

(1) Grants from the Admiralty, War Office and Air Ministry.

(2) Subscriptions and donations from the Public.

(3) Subscriptions and donations from Service units.

As may be gathered from the principles and policy under which the Association was formed—as above described—the Association acts as a link between the civilian population and His Majesty's Forces, and relies upon an equal support from both. Recognising the value of the Association's work to the Nation, the three Service Departments have in the past helped towards necessary expenses, but their grants are entirely voluntary and cannot be regarded as a Government subsidy in the strict sense, as they are subject to variation and approval from year to year. On the other hand, it is much to be deplored that the financial support from the civilian side of the link has of late years considerably diminished, and what is now badly wanted is civilian financial support. This is touched upon in the 40th Annual Report now presented to the public.

As regards the object of the Association, the 40th Annual Report gives proof that many civilian employers recognise their responsibilities towards these men by affording them opportunities for employment on discharge, and this is gratefully acknowledged.

The work of the National Association is very necessary, because, on leaving the Service, Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen of long service are at a considerable disadvantage in obtaining employment in civil life. They are in competition with men who have been in more or less close touch with trade conditions and industrial opportunities all their lives, who generally have behind them the support of Trade Unions, and whose experience has been of benefit to them in obtaining civilian employment. Most ex-Regular Service men have spent a large part of their lives abroad, often finding themselves stranded when arriving home on discharge, having lost touch with former friends and relatives. They are strangers to civilian life and its conditions.

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE BLACK MOUNTAIN EXPEDITION—1888.

(BY "VIATOR.")

I have been asked to write something about the Black Mountain (Hazara) Expedition of 1888, and willingly do so, but not being able to get at my Diaries, cannot be quite certain as to dates, numbers, etc., writing as I do entirely from memory.

The 2nd Battalion were quartered during the hot weather of '88 at Kuldunna, in the Murree Hills, and for nearly three months had been surrounded by cholera and cholera camps, though luckily only one man of "Ours" fell a victim to the scourge. Murree was almost deserted a veritable city of the dead. Towards the end of August, a report reached us from Simla that we were to form part of the Force which was to be sent to the Black Mountain to settle some long standing debts with the hillmen, and to avenge the murder of Urmstone and Battye and some native troops from Abbotabad, which took place below the Chittabut Ridge in the earlier part of the year. On the 3rd September, the definite order arrived, putting new life into all and rousing everyone from the depression lately experienced. Then came the medical examination of the 15 officers and 600 men who were to be selected to represent the Fusiliers ; and a most searching examination it was, and jubilant were those who were successful, and equally melancholy were those who were not. We gave a farewell dance and theatricals, and on the 20th September marched at daybreak from the "Gullies," under the command of the late Colonel J. L. Vincent.

The late General Sir Thomas Baker, K.C.B., saw us march past him "in fours," and bade us farewell. He would have given anything to have gone with us, and it certainly seemed rather hard that he did not go in command, as all his British Regiments, some R.A. and R.E., were taken from his command, as well as several native ones, and the whole of the preparations for them—transport, commissariat, etc.—were carried out by him and his District Staff. The British Regiments employed were : our 2nd Battalion, the Sussex Regiment, the Suffolk Regiment and Seaforth Highlanders, from the Pindi Command, and the Royal Irish from Nowshera. We passed Khyra Gully, and had a stiff pull up to Changla Gully, which is some 8,000 ft. high, a beautiful place with magnificent views on every side. Here we halted for the night, being accommodated in the tents used for the School of Musketry. Some of us had lunch with three ladies of the Regiment at the Dâk Bungalow, and I have delightful memories of a certain roast goose. In the afternoon the late Major Chancellor and self went round the huts and saw that the men were all comfortable, and then thought we were entitled to a whiskey and soda, and accordingly went to the mess hut and interviewed Corporal Borthwick, in charge. Imagine our dismay at being told that there was none. So we ordered bottled beer, with the same result ! However, Chancellor and I were fairly wide awake, and having first satisfied our wants from our flasks proceeded to the telegraph office and wired to Gillon and Co., Murree, for a dozen of the best to be sent out by running Coolie, and then annexed (on payment) all the available beer at the Dâk Bungalow (the fact was, our P.M.C. was so intensely warlike that he thought it necessary we should commence the horrors and discomforts of campaigning, whilst still in a friendly country. I don't think he would do it now.) Consequently at dinner we had decidedly the best of it. The "B flats" that night were a caution, and reveille was for once a welcome sound. We started soon after daybreak, the march to Kalabagh being a long one, but over a good hill road and through magnificent scenery. Some two miles short of our destination we passed Nattiar Gully, a very pretty little station with a Dâk Bungalow celebrated for its mutton. Nattiar is very quiet, but many people stay there in the hot weather in preference to Murree, and it is within easy reach of Abbottabad. The Battalion camped below the Artillery Barracks, but several of us were "put up" in Officers' Quarters, and the gallant gunners gave us not only lunch, but invited to meet us at dinner several very charming ladies, one of whom it was my good fortune to take in. We had a capital dinner and very cheery evening, with music, and didn't separate till late.

Next morning we started for Bugnota, leaving Bara Gully (another Mountain Battery Station) on the right, and soon afterwards commenced descending. Colonel Vincent had asked me to stay behind to see that the baggage was kept well up, and I was to rejoin the column at "Coffee Shop," which I did

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just in time to see it marching off. The old scoundrel who ran the "shop," whilst my back was turned, carefully filled the last cup of coffee with milk (a thing I never touch). If ever I felt like murder, I did then. At Bugnota there was no regular camping ground, so the men's tents had to be pitched in a ploughed field. Some of us put up in the Dâk Bungalow. How well I remember poor Chancellor springing a welcome surprise on us after mess by producing three bottles of port that he had brought from Murree. He confided to me that night that he had three more, and I suggested that it would be as well to drink them, but he thought he would keep them till we arrived at Oghi. (But of this, more anon.) Next day, after crossing several mountain streams, we marched into Abbotabad, a lovely station with beautiful grass camping and parade grounds, trees and roses. It was then the Headquarters of the Punjaub Field Force, then under the command of General McQueen (who was to command the expedition, for which he eventually got the K.C.B.). The Regiments were the 1st and 2nd Battalions 5th Ghoorkhas (permanent) and the 3rd Sikhs, commanded by Colonel Hammond, V.C., with my old friend Major Thompson as second-in-command. Here Capt. Carter rejoined us from the Staff. I had lunch at the Garrison Mess, and called on the General. The Dâk Bungalow was crammed, and its compound filled with tents. As Abbotabad was at that time crowded with officers on their way to the front, several of "Ours" dined at the Mess, but as we had to make a very early start in the dark for a seventeen mile march, I had my meal in camp with Chancellor (who shared my tent), and turned in early. About midnight a fearful storm commenced, torrents of rain, and a hurricane, everything drenched directly. I put on a great coat and held on to one tent pole, begging Chancellor to do likewise to the other, but nothing on earth would move him though he was good enough to lie where he was and give me directions as to what I was to do to save the tent from being wrecked. After about an hour of utter misery the storm abated, and I was able to get an hour's sleep. The officers' "Coffee Shop" broke down, and we had to do the long march to Mansera on very little sustenance. Mansera is a rather large native city, and many of its inhabitants, chiefly of the fair (?) sex, turned out to see us march in—a very fair camping ground and good Dâk Bungalow. Next day we marched to Kharki, a pretty little place with a blue rapid river close by. We managed to shoot some wild duck, a most welcome addition to our Mess. We were now only one march from Oghi, the principal base of operations, from where three out of the four columns were to start, and separated from the Abbotabad Valley by a pass, from the top of which a heliograph was constantly at work. An amusing incident happened at breakfast that morning. It was generally supposed that Gillon and Co., of Lahore, Pindi and Murree had opened a branch shop at Oghi (which proved a fallacy) and fellows were talking about what they would treat themselves to on arrival. One would have sausages, another Finnon haddock, etc., and the talk turned upon who we should find there in the way of staff officers. Somebody said, "I suppose General Channer will be there by now," so I struck in with "The only General I want to see is General Gillon, of the Commissariat Department." A very senior officer, who was rather deaf, said: "But there is no General Dillon with the Force," and could not understand why there was a universal laugh, until the matter was explained to him, and then he didn't think much of the joke! Next morning we halted for a rest at the top of the pass, and got our first view of the Hazara Valley and the Black Mountain—Oghi and its square fort and tents some five miles distant, and with a nice gradual descent to it. We were the only regiment there, and the first British one to arrive, except a detachment of Ghoorkhas in the Fort.

That afternoon, Brigadier Channer, V.C., in command of the 1st and 2nd columns, arrived with his Brigade-Major, Major O'Gorman, and we asked them to dinner. Chancellor told me that he would produce his three remaining bottles of port, but alas! they had been broken on the march that morning!! How much better if we had finished them at Bugnota! Next morning we marched to Dilbori (or, rather, Bagrian), where the remainder of our column (No. 1) was encamped. It consisted of ourselves, the 1st Battalion 5th Ghoorkhas, commanded by Capt. G. Hawkes (Colonel Sym, 5th Ghoorkhas, was in command of the column), 3rd Sikhs, Lieut.-Colonel Hammond, V.C., Major King's Mountain Battery R.A., Capt. Honnor's Hazara Mountain Battery R.A., and Capt. Buston's Company of Native Sappers and Miners, also a due proportion of Commissariat and Medical Staff. We were most hospitably received, and walked off to breakfast with the Regiments and Batteries, and also were invited by them to dinner. Oh! the difference from our Mess. They all had their Mess tent, with tables, chairs, table cloths, plated tumblers, etc. I shall never forget our Column Commander, Colonel Sym, coming into the tent and remarking that we had managed to make ourselves fairly uncomfortable already!

Being nearest the approach to the enemy, we had strong picquets with double sentries by day and night. Here we were joined by Captain Malet, A.D.C. to General Gib, C.B., Madras. He had obtained leave, and was attached to us for duty by special order. The next few days were devoted to inspections by Generals McQueen and Channer, also instruction in "first aid to the wounded"—rather gruesome! General McQueen saw the officers, and gave us some very wholesome advice, viz., that as we were about to engage in hill warfare we might chuck our drill books to the wind, and recommended that the "group" system should be adopted, of from four to six men working together; also precautions to be taken in vacating positions, etc.—all most sensible advise and easily understood. We also had a farewell visit from General Sir Thomas Baker, who was on leave, and came to see the commencement of the show.

Here I may interpolate a little story about myself. One afternoon I was having my bath outside my tent when Carter came from the mess tent, and told me that a small supply of bottled beer had arrived, and of course there would be a rush for it. I was on the point of going, as I was anxious to secure my share of the luxury, when he produced two bottles that he had taken for me, and placed them just out of my reach. Shortly afterwards he showed me a sketch which he had done (and which I have still) in imitation of the celebrated advertisement of Pears' soap—the child crying in its tub and trying to reach the soap, and called "He won't be happy till he gets it." Only it was myself in a state of nature trying to reach the beer, and a very clever caricature it was.

On the 3rd October, General McQueen gave us our final instructions, and I had the honour of being placed in command of the advanced guard. Our first advance up the mountain was to be to Mana-Ka-Dana, which was directly above us on a high spur, distinguishable by a solitary tree and a "Sangar" (breastwork) of large stones, where we expected to meet with opposition. A few nights previously the 3rd Sikhs invited all to witness a "Khattack Dance" (War Dance) given by their men—and splendid men they were. A short descrition of this dance may be interesting to those who have never seen one,

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A huge bonfire is lighted and kept blazing; on one side, in a semi-circle, sat the officers of the 3rd Sikhs and their guests, and completing the large circle were many "Tommies" and native soldiers. All being ready, the performers—all Sikhs and Pathans—rushed in, not dressed in uniform, and to the music (?) of tom-toms and pipes, with drawn tulwars in their hands, commenced the wildest ballet it has ever been my fortune to see. They circled round and round, gesticulating and clashing their swords together in perfect time, and getting quicker and more excited every moment. The great wonder was that no accidents occurred. Then suddenly, at a given signal, they stopped for a rest, but only for a short time—to recommence with renewed vigour. It was a weird sight to see these handsome, swarthy warriors, their excited faces and flashing swords lit up by the flames, and for a background the Black Mountain with its chain of watch fires. It might be observed here that the mountain well deserves its name. As seen from Bagrian, it is covered with dark fir trees which descend some miles from the crest, on which, and fronting us, is the position called Chittabut (afterwards occupied by our column). Below this forest are well cultivated fields in terraces, interspersed with small villages, and occasional mud towers, partly belonging to so-called friendly natives, but mostly to the tribe of Parari Sayads, against whom, at first, our operations were to be directed, they being primarily responsible for the murder of Battye and Urmston. The highest point of the Black Mountain is the Machai Peak, some 9,500 ft., and to the right of Chittabut, from which it is separated by a deep gorge.

I have mentioned that poor Chancellor shared my tent. He had eaten some tinned soup, and shortly afterwards complained of violent pains. I got him to the tent, really thinking that at first he had got the cholera. Our doctor was quickly in attendance, and put him to bed, giving him an hypodermic (I believe that is correct) injection in the arm, which speedily put the poor fellow to sleep, but I sat up to watch with him, and the doctor, whose tent was next to mine, looked in occasionally. About 10.30 p.m. commenced one of the most fearful storms I have ever experienced—terrific thunder and lightning, howling gale and hail, the stones the size of large peas. Luckily Chancellor's bed was on the lee side of the tent, for mine was flooded in ten minutes. I was dressed, but up to my ankles in water. Many tents were blown down, amongst them the doctor's, who passed the remainder of the night in mine. Throughout this terrific storm, Chancellor never woke, in fact, hardly stirred, and next morning was nearly well, though very weak. There is no doubt but that he had swallowed some lead soldering in the soup, and had got lead poisoning. (The same thing happened to me at the termination of the expedition on our return to Oghi, and I had to be sent into Abbotabad on the sick list.)

On the 3rd October all arrangements were completed. Lieut. Fletcher was detailed to remain at Bagrian for the present, in command of a detachment left in charge of tents, etc., for we were not to know what a tent or a bed was for something like six weeks. That evening, in company of Lt.-Col. Vincent and some of the senior officers of the column, I received my final instructions from Colonel Sym, which were, shortly, as follows:—with A, B and C Companies, respectively, under command of Major Chancellor, Lieuts. Riddell and Trite, we were to pioneer the advance to Mana-Ka-Dana, examining the ground carefully as we ascended, and if the enemy opposed us we were not to attack until I received orders, but I was to immediately signal back the news that we were in touch. This didn't sound very cheerful, but the reason was explained, and as I shall relate was doubtless a good one, though I think "Tommy" would have been better pleased if he had been allowed to use his rifle and bayonet. Next morning we paraded at day-break, and having carefully inspected the men's ammunition, waterbottles and haversacks, led off with my three Companies, crossed the stream, passed Dilbori, and commenced the ascent, and precious steep it was; the remainder of the column followed up the path that had been made by working parties, up to the top of the Jal-Pass leading into the Trund Valley. "A" Company, under Lieut. Riddell, was on the right; "B" Company, under Major Chancellor, on the left, with skirmishers thrown out, and supports; and "C" Company, commanded by Lieut. Tuite, in a central position in rear, so as to reinforce if necessary. With me were Mr. Wallace (bandmaster), acting as my orderly, and two signallers; we were in rear of the two advanced companies. So we proceeded steadily up. Arrived near the top of the spur, Major Chancellor sent to tell me that he could see the hillmen behind the "Sangar," some 200 yards up the hill, and according to my orders, all lay down, whilst the enemy commenced a desultory, and luckily, very erratic fire. Two bullets came unpleasantly close to me, one striking the ground in front and another whistling past, whilst Mr. Wallace was honoured in a somewhat similar manner. In the meanwhile the Pararis, thinking that we were afraid to advance, commenced chaffing us, calling out, "Chellao, Sahibs, chellao" ("come on, Lords, come on"), but the Lords were not allowed to—much as they would have liked it. What was happening all this time—ah! what? Some harmless looking signalling was going on between our column and two guns of Major King's—stationed on the next spur to our left, and presently the order for us *not* to advance was quite apparent. Bang went one of the screw guns, and the first shot I had ever seen fired in anger was also the best, for it went slap into the middle of the "Sangar," followed by three or four more, but there was not a nigger left there, they were *chella-oing* to their rear as hard as they could. It was a grand piece of practice. The gunners had taken the range previously and had it to a yard—2,800 yards it was. Then came my orders to advance, which we did at a "double," of course to find nobody behind the stonework—nobody, did I say? well, there were three misshapen corpses, torn to pieces by shell (or rather, one man was just breathing his last as we got to him). The ground was covered with blood, and it was a most sickening sight.

It is a well known fact that it is a point of honour amongst these hillmen always to carry away their killed and wounded, and there is no doubt but that they did what they could, as was evident from the blood tracks, but they were in too much of a hurry to take off the other three. So we had drawn first blood in the little war, and Mana-Ka-Dana was ours. I sent forward Mr. Wallace, Colour-Sergt. Sherlock and a few crack shots, to try their luck at the Pararis, as they ran down the khuds (precipices), and they accounted for two or three. The remainder of the column now arrived, and our various places for bivouac were told off, ours being the most advanced, on a triple spur, the shape of the broad arrow, with steep precipices on every side except the rear, and the solitary tree we had so often seen from below, in the centre. We were very glad to get to work at what was in our haversacks, and lucky not to have had any casualties.

The afternoon was spent in making the position as defensible as possible, selecting positions for picquets, etc., and making arrangements for the advance on Chittabut on the morrow, and so ended our first day on the Black Mountain in a miserable and most searching drizzle.

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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DEATH.

THOMSON.—On 28th July, 1925, accidentally drowned at Calcutta, India, Gilbert Thomson, senior Marconi Officer s.s. *Kasama*, youngest son of the late Major James Thomson, 2nd Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, and of Mrs. Thomson, of "Greenlands," Pentwyn, Abersychan, Mon.—By cable.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

REGULAR FORCES.

North'd. Fus.—Lieut. E. G. Pease, M.C., retires on retired pay (July 25th) and is granted rank of Capt.

R.A.F.—Group Capt. I. M. Bonham-Carter, C.B., O.B.E., to be Air-Commodore.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

North'd. Fus.—Capt. E. G. Pease, M.C. (Lieut. Ret. Pay) to be Capt. (July 25th) with seny. (Dec. 11th, 1924).

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

COLOGNE,
July, 1925.

It is with great regret that we record the death of Boy Chilvers, who died at the Military Hospital, Cologne, on 6th July.

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He joined the Battalion when it was at Leidenhausen Camp last summer, and during the twelve months he served showed great promise. The following paragraph from Regimental Orders voices the feelings of all who knew him :—

"The Commanding Officer regrets to announce the death of 4263588 Boy Vincent Grove Chilvers, which took place at 11.45 a.m. on 6th July, 1925, at the Military Hospital, Cologne.

"The Commanding Officer wishes to place on record the extremely plucky behaviour of Boy Chilvers while suffering great pain. His conduct was the admiration of all the nursing staff. Boy Chilvers promised to be a Fusilier worthy of the Regiment, and his conduct affords an example which the boys will do well to copy."

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During the past month the Secretary for War visited the Rhine Army. As at the time half the Battalion was on detachment, and the other half was doing most of the bottle-washing in Cologne, while other units were in camp, we did not take part in the review as a Battalion. However, the Band, reinforced by the Drummers of the Drums, took its place in the massed band, and Mr. Windram received a special letter from the Officer Commanding the parade congratulating him on their excellent and smart appearance.

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One other representative we had, in Mr. Kilgour, who, without falling off once, marched past and galloped past with the King's Dragoon Guards, to whom he was attached.

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In the afternoon of the same day the detachment of two companies at Solingen was visited, and the Secretary of State and the Commander-in-Chief were entertained to tea in the Mess.

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At night there was a dance at the C.-in-C.'s house, where most of the Rhine Army seemed to foregather.

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The detachment from Solingen returned to Cologne the next day, having thoroughly enjoyed their stay there, and very grateful to the 1st Bn. York and Lancaster Regiment, whose Barracks and Mess they were occupying, for their kindness and courtesy in doing everything they possibly could to make them comfortable and at home.

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At the time of writing, we have so many soldiers in barracks we hardly know what to do with them, and feel sure that something must be wrong. Perhaps the D.P.M. and all the Military Police Department are on leave, or G.H.Q. has closed down, or the R.A.S.C. have recruited a labour battalion to do their fatigues. Something must be amiss, because the other day one of the companies is reported to have had 21 men on an afternoon parade. The Battalion is, of course, nearly 700 strong, but that in itself is hardly enough to account for this unprecedented state of affairs. Doubtless, however, we shall soon revert to our normal way of life as a draft of 60 other ranks is being prepared for India, which is perhaps a good thing, as otherwise it is doubtful whether company commanders or their C.S.M.'s could stand for long the strain of coping with these abnormal hordes of men.

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We all wish our Editor good luck with his course of treatment, and are grateful for the arrangements which have been made for the running of the *Gazette* during his absence from the editorial chair.

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During the month Col. Hardman Jones visited the Depôt on a tour of inspection, and whilst there had an opportunity to inspect the last draft, which was brought over by Mr. Wombwell a few days later.

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We were glad to welcome Captain Buckley, who rejoined on 1st July, and has taken command of "X" Company. The nature of the appointment which kept him away so long is a little obscure, but we believe that O.C. Jamaica Expeditionary Force was his official appellation. His sole remaining connections with this more murky portion of his career are an odd bird he has brought back with him and an alleged predilection for rum.

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Mr. Kilgour and Mr. Macmullen have both represented the Rhine Army at cricket, but we have not yet found out the real reason why neither of these prolific scorers managed to make any runs at Brussels.

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They made amends, however, when playing for the 1st Rhine Brigade against the 2nd Rhine Brigade, when Mr. Kilgour made 150 and 80 odd not out, scoring incidentally 26 in one over, and Mr. Macmullen made 60 odd.

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For a little while, some time ago, an avaricious gleam was to be seen in Mr. Seth-Smith's eye . . . but it has gone. Paulo was to have been sold to a French officer for an inordinate sum of money. But the Frenchman repented of his bargain, and never stopped running till he reached Morocco, so Paulo is still unsold.

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The Band departed to England on 10th July, to fulfil engagements on the South Coast. We wish them their usual success.

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Congratulations to Sergt. McPherson, who was Band Sergeant and has now gone to Kneller Hall, having passed his entrance examination some months ago.

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Cpl. Windram is also to be congratulated on passing out and being appointed Bandmaster to the Inniskilling Fusiliers. Though somewhat belated these congratulations are none the less sincere, and the only reason for their appearing so late is that the official notification took some time to come through.

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Capt. Lindsay has been on a Gas course at Porton. A play on the word "gas" is too obvious, so we avoid it.

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Capt. Pemberton and Mr. Holdsworth Hunt have been attached to the Artillery at practise camp at Wahn. Apart from the fact that one of the horses they took out has since been destroyed, there is nothing of note to report regarding this attachment.

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During the month C.S.M. Guttridge has left to go on a course at the Rhine Army Vocational Training Centre prior to the expiration of his service.

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Always full of enthusiasm for the success of his Company, or of the Battalion, he will be greatly missed by "Z" Company in particular and by the Battalion as a whole. We wish him the very best of luck.

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As these notes go to press we learn with pleasure of the success in the "C" Examination for promotion of Captain Powell and Captain Chipper.

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The Coblenz Guard has returned, so we have more soldiers than ever. They were relieved by a guard from 2nd Bn. Cameron Highlanders.

ST. GEORGE'S PEPYS.

July 11th.—Whilst I was a-standynge to-day lookynge on the Adjutante's parayde a straynge sighte met my eyes, for there amidst all the soulderes was a mightie fierce lookynge fellowe and on his eare a pencil was restynge, so that I began to caste arounde tryinge if I mighte finde another such but nowhere did I lighte on any other. And standynge beside me was Mr. Knipp, the grate hygiene man, a-leanynge on his broome and with a prettie knowledge of the matter criticisynge the bearynge of the soulderes and showinge me what was goode and what bad. And as this fellowe with the pencil did seeme so odde I asked Mr. Knipp the reason of it, thinkynge that with all his yeares of service he mighte well enlighten me thereupon, but did not rightlie understand his reply save that he mentioned somethynge of a clerk. And so, still mightie puzzled, I remarked that the fellowe would surelie be more usefullie employed on his clerkynge, at the same time sayinge methought he bore the commandynge fayce of a grate leader of men rather than the pale and hungrie looke of a clerk.

Then at last I did understand inasmuch as Mr. Knipp explayned that this was no orderlie-roome clerke, but neither he nor I could fathom why he should be a-carryinge of a pencil in this odde fashion, save that through overmuch education the poore fellowe perhaps had lost his wits, and hearynge it said by some poore foole obsessed with education that the pen was mightier than the sword, had so taken it upon himself to be armed with some such thynge for his greater safetie.

July 18th.—Never before have I been in so miserable plighte as this daye findes me in, so that I who have heretofore been so well pleased and contented with my lot and not afrayde to looke any man in the fayce do now hardlie dare venture forth, and when indeede I must, do fearfullie imagine every man's hande to be agaynst me and dailie dread to finde that those who heretofore have been numbered amongst my friends may now at any time spurn me away from them so that I am become but a craven foole before alle.

For it appeares that some traytor in my household at some time recentlie has purloyned or copied all or some portions of this my diarie which I did thinke no other eye but mine should ever see.

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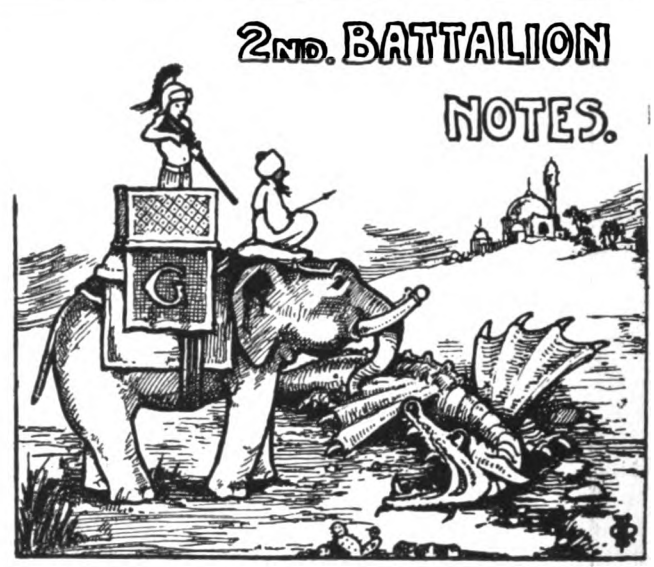
And the upshot of it is that my sillie jestynge of Count Blandino and his fonde endeavoures to water his seedes with the fire hosepipe hath come to the eare of Sir William Mires, and he is thereby not a little displeased that my writynges should caste any doubts on the efficiencie of one of the services under his commande, which in truth we all do know could not be bettered by anyone. And now if any knocke come at my doore I go all a-tremblynge and am fain to rush and hide, fearynge some writ be served upon me for my havynge been the cause of such libellous writynges gettynge abroad. Worse still, I knowe not how much more of it may have been mayde publick, and should my lord D—— –, or Sir Edgestoun Jonworthe, or Sir Steve Smith, Sir Solly Tornbland, and others reade all my foolish scribblynges of their doinges, then am I verilie undone and know not how else I may sayve myself from theyre anger but by fleeinge the lande.

July 19th.—Vexed and sickish to bedde and there slept about three houres, and never in so much trouble in alle my life of minde, thinkynge of all the dangers that do beset me, and of what the issue of it may be to me.

July 20th.—With these thoughtes lay troublynge myself till six o'clock, restless and wretched, so with grate distress up and later to my office, on the way meetynge Mr. Mulligan, who, as I did thynke, gave me a mightie black looke, but there, I was in fact so sorely troubled over the affaire that I know not rightlie whether he did meane to looke at me askance, or whether perchance some other thynge had vexed him or whether indeede it was his normal expression of fayce.

And still full of thoughtes touchynge the affaire, and not able to keepe my reason free about me for my worke, did go to the messe and drinke half-a-pinte of mulled sack and with the warmth of this did finde myself in better order as to courage truely. And so back to the office, where a mightie serious matter was awaitynge, to wit that I must explayne forthwith to whom other but Sir William M——, the circumstances in which, and the why and the wherefore and whatnot of how a Fusileer Blogges did lose or become deficient of one dummie cartridge. At any other time this in itself would surelie have been sufficient to cause me no little trouble of minde, but matters beinge as they were with me the enormitie of the losse was overshadowed by the other cares which weighed so heavilie upon me. So greatlie indeede was I downcast already that I little cared if he had loste a whole clippe of dummie cartridge, which only goes to prove the reckless stayte of minde I had been driven to by the trouble of the fire hosepipe.

And so to Sir William's office to explayne, but being no longer able to forebear began in haltynge fashion to mayke what apologie I mighte for the writynge. And now indeede, if never before, was I certain my wits had forsaken me, for instead of burstynge forth as I expected with mightie wrath, he fell a-laughynge most incontinentlie, and so the more he laughed the greater was my discomfort by reason of my fearynge my mind was alle disordered, and the greater my distresse the more he laughed. And so at last seeinge my stayte of minde Sir William did explayne that he had indeede heard of my writynge (but would not saye how it came to his knowledge) and determined to repaye jeste with jeste had put it abroad that a writ was to be served upon me. And so was I mightilie relieved that it was so soone done with, though somewhat vexed with myself for havynge so easilie been mayde a foole of, and still am I by no means in any grate peace of minde as the losynge of the dummie cartridge has still to be explayned and I grately fear Sir William will not this time looke upon the matter so lightlie.



FYZABAD,

22nd June, 1925.

We must preface our notes this month with the observation that there is little of interest to record. A similar remark probably flows from the pen of many a scribe in India during the "dog days," but nevertheless to us exiles life is not altogether without its interests. The fact is that when we come to commit to paper the events which have made up our existence we are forced to the conclusion that, to the members of that great outside world of which we only read in the papers, they are matters of supreme unimportance. Thus our pen is drawn reluctantly through each item in turn, and we find ourselves ultimately face to face with the conclusion that "there is little of interest to record."

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This merely implies that we are living the life which is the common lot of those condemned to spend the hot weather in the plains of India.

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Military training continues to follow its usual course. The ranges are occupied early and late, budding non-commissioned officers may be seen any morning in the process of being perfected in those arts indispensable to the attainment of higher rank in their profession, and, on occasions, the officers wrestle with the problem of how most effectively to repel the attack of a hostile force on Fyzabad, only to proceed on the next occasion to demonstrate the utter futility of the defensive measures on which, but the week before, they had so confidentally pinned their faith.

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The Battalion took part in the usual King's Birthday Parade, on the 3rd June. The other units present were the 9th Field Battery, Royal Artillery, and the 1st Royal Batt. 9th Jat Regt. (L.I.). The former fired a salute of thirty-one guns, and the whole parade was under the command of Major O. B. Foster, M.C.

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The Brigade Commander, Col. A. E. McNamara, C.M.G., D.S.O., visited us early in the month. He was observed to

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exhibit a cheerful mien on leaving, but we are in doubt whether to ascribe this to the pleasure inspired by our appearance or to the prospect of his impending departure to England on leave.

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The system of Unit "At Homes" in existence last year has been started again, the object being to enable Units to gain a practical knowledge of the work of their neighbours. The first was given by the 9th Field Battery, Royal Artillery, and was a most interesting affair. They set out to demonstrate to us in detail the various operations which have to be performed by a battery going into action. Thus we were shown the functions of the "observation post," and how the direction and range of the target are indicated to the Battery: how the latter take up their position, lay the guns and eventually open fire.

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The Battery spared no pains to make clear to us everything which might be of interest, and to our thanks to them for the

BATTALION ATHLETIC TEAM, 1924-25.

trouble taken we would add our congratulations on their fine appearance on parade.

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The more technical branches of the Service have an obvious advantage when it comes to giving displays such as that mentioned above, and, therefore, we can hardly expect that our "At Home," which followed the next week, was of as much interest to those present as that of the "Gunners." However, we gave various displays of skill at arms, such as the Vickers and Lewis Guns in action, firing of rifle grenades, physical training display, etc., and took them round the Regimental Institutes. As a successful side-show, the churn and cream separator in the dairy must be given pride of place, as it was only with difficulty that our Indian guests could be persuaded to pass on to something else. The mineral water factory, also, had a great success.

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Later on came the turn of the 1st Royal Batt. 9th Jat Regt. to show us round, and we were given an opportunity of seeing various aspects of regimental life in the Indian Army which were new to most of us.

Col. Kershaw, Capt. Plummer and Mr. Collingwood have

REGIMENTAL CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, SEASON 1924-25.

gone on leave this month to various parts of India, and Major Foster has returned.

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The latter assumed command of the Battalion, with effect from the 1st June, *vice* Col. Kershaw.

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Although this is not the time of year when games involving violent exercise commend themselves to all, there has been little falling off in football and hockey, and polo has been played twice a week. Several novices have made a first appearance at the latter, who, if one may believe the tales told, contrive to add an interest to the game by their gallantry and disregard of danger, which might possibly be lacking if it had to depend merely on the degree of skill exhibited by the players.

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The following list of game shot during the past season may be of interest to some of your readers:—1 tigress, 2 panthers, 3 crocodiles, 2 gooral, 2 chakor, 1 goose, 501 ducks, 373 teal,

REGIMENTAL HOCKEY TEAM, 1924-25.

50 snipe, 2 quail, 146 pigeons, 15 peafowl, 4 jungle fowl, 1 sandgrouse, 6 hares, 2 various: total 1111. 129 fish of various

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kinds were also caught. These figures compare favourably

"A" COMPANY ATHLETIC TEAM.
WINNERS "SPORTS CUP," REGTL. SPORTS, 1924–25.

with last season, when less than half the number was obtained.

BOXING NOTES.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men proceeded to Mussoorie on the 22nd of May, to compete in the All India Army Championship :—Fus. Hayton (Light Heavy-weight), Fus. Stephenson (Light-weight), Fus. Murphy (Middle-weight), Fus. Phillips (Feather-weight), Fus. Hosker (Fly-weight), Lce.-Cpl. Jacobs (Light-weight), Bdmn. Anderson (Fly-weight, also fought Bantam). Sgt. Higgins and Fus. Lawson went as reserves, but were not required to fight.

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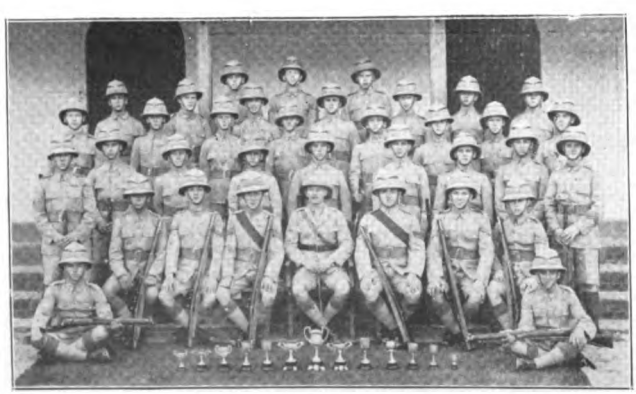
Hayton and Murphy were much lighter than the weights in which they fought, the former weighing only 11 st. 2 lb., and the latter being under welter-weight. Owing to our inability



"B" COMPANY.
RUNNERS-UP, RIFLE MEETING CHAMPIONSHIP, AND WINNERS OF L.G. COMPETITION, 1924–25.

to obtain heavy-weights, it was not possible to compete in the team events.

A short account of the fights is given below :—

INDIVIDUAL FLY-WEIGHTS.

1st Series.—Anderson beat Pte. Pearce, Welch Regiment.

INDIVIDUAL FEATHER-WEIGHTS.

1st Series.—Phillips beat Fus. Evans, Royal Welch Fusiliers.

Evans was a finalist in the Army Championship at Rawalpindi this year.

LIGHT-WEIGHTS.

1st Series.—Stephenson beat Pte. Luck, 9th A.C. Coy., on points.

Luck won the Southern Command Light-weight Championship this year.

Lce.-Cpl. Jacobs beat Pte. Brannon, D.L.I., on points.

Brannon was a finalist in this tournament last year. Jacobs was knocked out towards the end of the 2nd round, but was saved by the gong. He pulled up splendidly in the last round, however, and secured sufficient points to give him the verdict.

NO. 10 PLATOON. "C" COY. HOCKEY TEAM.

The papers described this as the pluckiest and best fight of the night.

INDIVIDUAL BANTAM-WEIGHTS.

2nd Series.—Anderson lost on points to Pte. Brooks, 2nd King's Regt.

This came as a great surprise to us, as Anderson appeared to be winning comfortably. However, the referee thought otherwise, and Brooks secured the verdict.

INDIVIDUAL FEATHER-WEIGHTS.

2nd Series.—Phillips beat Lce.-Cpl. Carter, 1st Welch Regt., on points.

INDIVIDUAL FLY-WEIGHTS.

Hosker beat Lce.-Cpl. Webber, D.L.I., on points.

INDIVIDUAL MIDDLE-WEIGHTS.

1st Series.—Murphy knocked out Lce.-Cpl. Briggs, R.F.A.

This is the first time Briggs has been knocked out in a lengthy boxing career. In delivering the knock out, Murphy seriously injured his right arm, which necessitated treatment the following morning at the Electrical Sanatorium.

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INDIVIDUAL FLY-WEIGHTS.

2nd Series.—Anderson lost on points to Pte. Dixon, Seaforth Highlanders.

Anderson was considered to be very unlucky in the verdict.

INDIVIDUAL LIGHT-WEIGHTS.

2nd Series.—Stephenson was knocked out by Bdr. Davis, 90th Field Bde. R.A., in the second round.

INDIVIDUAL LIGHT HEAVY-WEIGHTS.

1st Series.—Hayton lost to Pte. Jones, Welch Regt., on points.

This was a very close fight. Hayton had his opponent down in the first round, and had he been more experienced he would have had no difficulty in winning. He kept off, however, and was content to box, and was beaten by a more experienced man, who eventually won the competition.

INDIVIDUAL LIGHT-WEIGHTS.

2nd Series.—Lce.-Cpl. Jacobs was knocked out by Lce.-Cpl.

"D" COY. BOXING TEAM.

RUNNERS-UP, INTER-COMPANY BOXING TOURNAMENT, SEASON 1924–25.

Robinson, Seaforth Highlanders, in the second round after a hard fight.

INDIVIDUAL MIDDLE-WEIGHTS.

Semi-finals.—Murphy lost to Lce.-Cpl. McDermott, D.L.I.

Deciding to avoid the bad luck of Anderson, Murphy determined to go for a knock out, and got his man down early in the first round for a long count, and continued to do some hard hitting in both this and the next round. Only great pluck and condition enabled his opponent to keep on his feet. Murphy eventually gave in in the third round through sheer exhaustion. He deserves sympathy, as he was suffering a great handicap with his injured arm. (He was admitted to Hospital for a week.)

FLY-WEIGHTS.

Semi-finals.—Hosker lost to Fus. Ross, Royal Welch Fusiliers, on points.

Hosker forced the fighting and appeared to be winning. The verdict, however, was given against him.

FEATHER-WEIGHTS.

Semi-finals.—Pte. Gorman beat Phillips on points.

Immediately after shaking hands in the first round, before

"D" COMPANY. CHAMPION COMPANY RIFLE MEETING, 1924–25.

Phillips could get into position, Gorman delivered a terrific right hook to the point. Phillips went to the floor for a long count, but pluckily regained his feet in time, and managed to last the round, although he must have been only semi-conscious. He started the second round full of fight, and with a terrific upper cut lifted Gorman off his feet. In delivering this punch Phillips injured his right shoulder, rendering it practically useless during the remainder of the fight. He still continued to attack, however, in the second and third rounds, and scored well with his left, only losing on a very narrow margin. He deserves great credit for the plucky manner in which he fought in this tournament, as he has never fought in any competition of importance before. Gorman is Army Champion and Belt Holder this year, and won the final of this competition. There is no doubt that when Phillips has had more training and experience the Battalion has in him a future Army Champion.

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After Lce.-Cpl. Jacob's first fight, he and his opponent were complimented for their clean and sportsmanlike performance, as were Fus. Hosker and his opponent.

"D" COMPANY.

WINNERS, INTER-PLATOON RIFLE COMPETITION, RIFLE MEETING, 1924–25.

Sergt. Higgins did extremely well in supervising the training of the men and in ably seconding them during their fights.

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HILL DETACHMENT NOTES.

The first Hill Detachment, consisting of 100 O.R.'s of "D" Coy., 50 O.R.'s of "A" Coy., 50 O.R.'s of "C" Coy., the Band and Signallers—a grand total of 300—left Fyzabad on the 25th April. The strength was divided up into two parties at Kathgodam. "A" party, commanded by Lieut. Grimley, arrived at Ranikhet on the 30th April; and "B" party, under Lieut. Flower, followed two days later.

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Advantage was taken on the march up of 5 days by the Amateur Photographer to photograph some of the wonderful hill scenery at the various camps. The publication of these plates may add just a little pleasure to the thought of those about to undertake the arduous uphill march.

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"A" party was fortunate to have the Band, and were in

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RAILWAY TERMINUS, KATHGODAM.

consequence entertained at each camp. The long day marches were of little significance compared with the nightly entertainment provided. The camp fire concert at Bumshaon will long be remembered for the wealth of amateur talent it produced. Unlike most functions of its kind, we were overwhelmed on this occasion and had of necessity to close down at the bugle call.

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Immediately on arrival at Ranikhet we were placed in segregation, and the multifarious orders which usually accompany such proceedings were not the least of the unimportant adjuncts to the pleasures of Hill moves and life. After a fortnight on Pinnacle Point, surrounded by medical authorities and papers and orders of every description, the ban was lifted, and a commencement made of firing the annual Weapon Training Courses. The Band and Signallers have now completed Table "R," and "D" Company are well through the Course.

During our segregation the Detachment was honoured in

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BONSHOON HILLSIDE CAMP.

having to find the guard over the Residence of H.E. The Governor of the United Provinces, during his three days' stay at Ranikhet.

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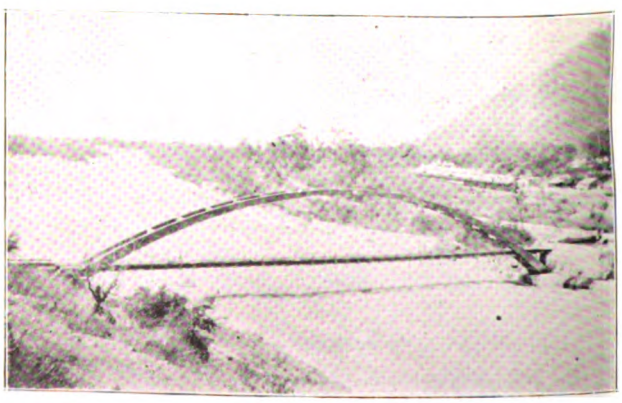
On 25th May, 80 O.R.'s under Capt. Baxter, with Platoons commanded by Sergt. Earle and Sergt. Merrin, left for the Hill Warfare Camp at Majkhali. The N.C.O.'s had had a previous course of Sand Table work prior to the camp, under Capt. Phillips, of the Welch Regt., and expressed themselves as greatly enlightened in the difficulties of Hill campaigning. The period in camp was marred by a terrific sand storm, which apparently cleared the Orderly Room tent of all its contents, in addition to a certain amount of kit which travelled breezily up the hill slopes into the Himalayas. Tents were struck on the night before departure—by voluntary consent be it said—and at 1 a.m. down came the rain in all its vileness. This continued throughout the whole of the day, and the party commenced its march in this heavy downpour, a distance of 9 miles to



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BRIDGE, KATHGODAM.

Ranikhet, arriving like the frozen legions of Napoleon's Army —though orderly and happy to make the best of a bad job.

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The camp was under the command of Capt. Baxter, and the men were delighted with the work undertaken and the fact that the previous year's hardships were not quite so pronouncedly felt this time.

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Lieuts. Surtees, Rose and Jenny have all been away for 3 weeks at Kasauli, but have now rejoined.

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Entertainment is running high just now. Fusiliers' dances are a great boon. In addition, the Band are in high demand for functions in and outside the Regiment. Such is the price of fame! We must not omit to compliment Cpl. Evans, the jazz drummer, with his many jazzy instruments—voted a real American concoction, quite above anything of its kind yet

Photo by] [*Lieut. Jenney.*

SERGEANTS' MESS. HALF-WAY HALT.

heard in station—and administered, of course, with the real jazz heart by the expert!

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The Detachment has been engaged in the Station Football Competition. Unfortunately we had to split up into two sides to allow for the minority of the Signal Corps who are at a low ebb as regards strength. "D" Coy. and the Details drew each other in the first round. The Details won the match by 3—2, after a keen game in which "D" Coy. scored twice in the last five minutes and finished off a rousing game. The Details were beaten in the semi-final by the Worcestershire Regt. by 3—1. Two penalty goals were the chief cause of the downfall.

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Lce.-Cpl. Palmer and Fus. Brooks were both selected in the team to represent Ranikhet against Dulikhet. The match ended in a draw. Fus. Brooks scored the opening goal.

The Ranikhet Cricket side which opposed Dulikhet included

THE COOKS ENJOY A MEAL.

[En route to Ranikhet.]

Lieut. Grimley, W. O. Murdoch, Lce.-Cpl. Churchill, Sgt. Beatty and Bdmn. Trower. The last named had the distinction of scoring 98 not out, and Churchill took 5 wickets in the first innings at a very low cost. Ranikhet won easily by an innings.

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A Novice Boxing Tournament is in the course of preparation, when it is hoped that the boys who are training under Sergt. Ashton will give a good account of themselves. An Open Tournament is to follow.

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Fus. Hosker and Bdmn. Anderson have left us for Mussoorie

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MID-DAY MEAL. "D" PLATOON. BONSHOON CAMP.

to take part in the "All India Army Boxing Championship Tournament." We hope to welcome them back as winners.

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DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
20th June, 1925.

This month has been a very busy one, both in work and sport. On 14th June, Colonel Sandilands inspected the Depôt and spent the day watching the squads at work. At night there was a large gathering at dinner, among the guests being the Commanding Officers and Adjutants of our Territorial Battalions, who afterwards witnessed the final night's boxing between the Durham Light Infantry recruits and our own. There was some excellent hard boxing, and excitement was intense throughout the evening. At the conclusion of the first night's boxing the 68th led by 25 points to 23. This deficiency was soon made up and the teams finished level with 42 points all. The results of the finals and semi-finals were as follows :—

112 *lbs. to* 120 *lbs.*

Semi-Finals.	Fus. Hayton beat Pts. Lye.
	Fus. Buttery beat Pte. Pintney.
Final	Fus. Buttery beat Fus. Hayton.

120 *to* 130 *lbs.*

Semi-Finals.	Pte. Bennet beat Fus. Walker.
	Pte. Knight beat Pte. Hardy.
Final.	Pte. Knight beat Pte. Bennett.

130 *to* 140 *lbs.*

Semi-Finals.	Pte. Telford beat Pte. Glennin.
	Fus. Rawson beat Pte. Horrigan.
Final.	Pte. Telford beat Fus. Rawson.

140 *to* 150 *lbs.*

Semi-Finals.	Fus. Marron beat Pte. Grey.
	Fus. Charlton beat Pte. Lally.
Final.	Fus. Marron beat Fus. Charlton.

Special Six Round Contest.

Cpl. Gelder, 5th Fus., beat Pte. Temperley, Border Regt.
Cpl. Coleman, D.L.I., beat Pte. Robinson, Green Howards.

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The following week a Boxing Competition was held at Berwick, in which were competing our Territorial Battalions, 1st K.O.S.B. and the Depôts, 5th Fusiliers and K.O.S.B. We succeeded in winning three weights—Cpl. Gelder winning the Middles, Cpl. Ross the Lights, and Fus. Marron the Welters.

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Newcastle has just emerged from the throes of Race Week. Most of us, however, were unable to attend the Races owing to the Military Sports at the Temperance Festival, which, in the absence of the 10th Brigade, R.F.A., we had to run. These sports usually consist of mounted events by the Gunners, but this year some tent pegging and jumping by the Northumberland Hussars and a civilian jumping competition were the only mounted events. On the first day 25 files from February and March Squads, under Sergt. Byrne, gave a very fine display of drill. The recruits looked very smart with white belts and slings, and their steadiness, precision and soldierly bearing were widely commented upon. On the third day, the same Squad gave an equally excellent combined drill display with a Squad of the Durham Light Infantry. Other events were a very polished gymnastic display on the horse and parallel bars by Q.M.S. Brown and the P.T. Staff, a Physical Training display by recruits of both Depôts, and a savage warfare episode in which a platoon of the FIFTH led by Mr. Earle attacked and stormed a zariba manned by ferocious savages.

Mr. Forbes-Watson and the Training Cadre have just returned from the Territorial Brigade Camp in North Wales. We hear that it was a great success and that many valuable demonstrations were carried out.

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Congratulations to Capt. Wright on passing his promotion "D" Exam. We hear that his tactical defeat of the examiners was quite overwhelming.

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(*The above notes should have appeared last month, but were received too late.*—ED. *St. G.G.*)

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23rd July, 1925.

We must apologise for the absence of the Depôt Notes in the last number of the *Gazette*. The regular contributor was away, and the sub-contributor apparently did not realise that a copy of *St. George's Gazette*, like Rome, cannot be built in a day. They say that no man is indispensable, but all we regular contributors know ourselves to be the exceptions to this rule, as an enquiry to the Editor, accompanied by a stamped and addressed envelope, will show.

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As a matter of fact, the sub-contributor made the mistake on purpose. He wanted the memory of this Temperance Festival to have faded from people's minds before bringing the subject again to the fore, and you'll note how lightly he touches on it in his notes. He forgets that publicity comes before private feelings, either other people's or one's own, and that a true reporter would describe a painful case of suicide and provide his own lifeless body for the inquest rather than see his paper without copy. We can hardly blame the sub-contributor for endeavouring to conceal the whole business, but hasten to remedy his error.

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From reliable, though somewhat reluctant sources, we gather that what happened was this :—

A tropical sun—or at least an angrate one, very much hotter than the sun that usually graces Newcastle with an occasional visit—was beating down fiercely upon the arena, in which was "discovered" a "zareba" filled to bursting point with the most vile and hideous cannibals –heathens, of course, and of the worst type—the average heathen, as the hymn so profoundly observes, considers himself far enough gone in sin when he "bows down to wood and stone," but this particular tribe are sufficiently abandoned to worship a large snapshooting target decorated in a highly irregular manner with a third-class shot type of face. The hideous homage which they are paying to this fickle diety is interrupted by screams, and more savages appear, dragging with them a poor missionary and his wife. Hungry howls mingled with the gutteral epicurean comments greet the unfortunate pair as they are led before the chief, a particularly hideous scoundrel with the mark of the Light Infantryman stamped even more indelibly upon him, than upon his followers, who also bear it in a marked degree (68th L.I. please ignore).

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After a sorry attempt to conceal his ravening lust for human flesh, he orders the devoted pair to be boiled alive and eaten, and a wild war dance takes place round the rations, who sit in the middle with nothing but faith and hope to sustain them in their ordeal.

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The dance has reached its height, when all of a sudden the tropic scene changes to the grim reality of war with all its horrors. A Service rifle barks out (with that absurdly inadequate noise blank always does make on these occasions), another, and amid thunders of applause from the spectators and yells of baffled rage from the sixty—from the savages, a platoon of the N.F.'s (a local reporter, very properly blushing at the thought of his county regiment appearing in a show like this, gives it this impenetrable pseudonym), from whose steel helmets the rays of the tropic sun are reflected with more than oriental splendour, led by a dashing young officer—the sub-contributor, hence the paucity of notes last month—*and* bearing a Union Jack, without which no British platoon in war is complete, advances on the zareba.

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All gasp with astonishment as it is realised that these people who make up the situations for tactical schemes and field days, are vindicated. Apparently many of these savage tribes are "armed and equipped with the same weapons as ourselves," after all, with the exception of the Chief, who carries a spear, and his lieutenant, who brandishes the tribal god, all the cannibals snatch up short rifles, magazines, Lee-Enfield (Mark III), and blaze away at the advancing khaki-clad figures, a certain number of whom fall dead, but not enough, of course, to lower the national prestige, many more of the degenerate negroids expire, and the zareba falls to British Valour. The missionary and his wife are released, and the surviving cannibals marched out of the arena under escort. "Hurrah!"

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MORAL.—*If this is the sort of retribution which is meted out to those who indulge their natural craving for human flesh, what hope have they who consume that deadly poison, alcohol?*

(Jolly suitable for a Temperance Festival.)

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The Training Cadre returned on 28th June from a successful fortnight in camp with the 149th Infantry Brigade, having once more enjoyed Territorial hospitality and admired Territorial efficiency. They were again attached to the 7th Battalion, who went so far as to abandon one of their platoons to their tender mercies. They have come back with a better understanding of the way in which they can assist the Territorial Battalions in the future, and, thanks chiefly to the Chatton Platoon, a better understanding of and a greater respect for the Territorial Fusilier.

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The 6th Battalion held their sports on the 11th, and kindly included a relay event, open to the Garrison and Territorial Army, in their programme. We entered two teams, and our first team won fairly comfortably, the 4th Battalion being second. The keenness and spirit shown, and above all the excellent turn out of the competitors, would have been useful object lessons to many Regular battalions whose sports we have seen. Every man wore a decently fitting pair of clean shorts and a clean vest bearing his company colours. A pleasant contrast to some of the indecent and dirty costumes affected by would-be athletes in other sports.

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On the 18th our cricket team made a long journey by char-a-banc to the village of Whitfield, about forty miles from here, in West Allen Dale, right among the high moorland in the South-West corner of Northumberland. The weather was glorious, and the drive there and back took us through some of the most beautiful scenery in the county. The scores are given elsewhere. What we are concerned with here is an appreciation of the sportsmanship and hospitality of the men of Whitfield and our indebtedness to their ladies for one of the best teas you could wish for even in the North Country.

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Our match with the Gateshead Gas Works was not quite so successful in some ways. We started at 6.30, and the light was very bad. Also our opponents, used to thinking in terms of millions, owing to this pernicious system of measurements by therms, made rather more runs than seemed necessary, and after two hours' registration of units, stumps were drawn (painlessly), with another triumph for gas.

GAMES NOTES.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The following two teams represented the Depôt in the open relay race in the 6th Battalion Sports:—

1st Team.—220 yds., C.S.M. O'Hara; 880 yds., Mr. Forbes-Watson; 220 yds., Fus. Gray; April Squad, 440 yds., Cpl. Ross.

2nd Team.—220 yds., Cpl. Harris; 880 yds., Fus. Macklam; 220 yds., Fus. Stockdale; May Squad, 440 yds., Cpl. Gelder.

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CRICKET.

RECRUIT COMPANY *v.* DEPÔT STAFF.

Recruit Coy. won by 3 runs. Scores—Recruit Coy., 121; Depôt Staff, 118. Q.M.S. I. Brown scored 55 for Recruit Coy.

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RECRUIT COY. *v.* DEPÔT STAFF.

Recruit Coy. won by 47 runs. Scores—Recruit Coy., 141; Depôt Staff, 94. Q.M.S. I. Brown scored 52 for Recruit Coy.; Fus. Halkier scored 26 for Depôt Staff.

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5TH FUSILIERS *v.* DEPARTMENTAL CORPS.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Sgt. Fitzgerald, b McLeod	4	c Dixon, b McLeod	5
Lce.-Cpl. Applegate, b Brown	15	b McLeod	0
Fus. Halkier, b Thompson	13	b Thompson	8
Cpl. Gelder, b McLeod	1	did not bat.	
C.S.M. O'Hara, c Roe, b Thompson	5	not out	85
R.Q.M.S. Redhead, lbw McLeod	4	b Thompson	32
Lieut. Forbes Watson, b Thompson	2	b Brown	12
Lce.-Sgt. Cogan, b English	0	not out	10
Fus. Crozier, not out	4	b McLeod	2
Fus. Dunne, c Dixon, b Brown	0	did not bat.	
Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, b English	1		
Extras	1	Extras	7
Total	50	Total for 6 wkts. (dec.)	161

DEPARTMENTAL CORPS.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Pte. Holman, c Gelder, b O'Hara	3	c Gelder, b Fitzgerald	0
Lce.-Cpl. McLeod, b Gelder	1	c Redhead, b Fitzgerald	2
Q.M.S.I. Brown, run out	8	st Halkier, b Gelder	15
Sgt. I. Thompson, b O'Hara	5	c Redhead, b Fitzgerald	2
Lce.-Cpl. English, c Redhead, b O'Hara	6	c Halkier, b O'Hara	9
S Sgt. Kirk, c Dunne, b Fitzgerald	7	not out	29
Cpl. Roe, b O'Hara	4	did not bat.	
Pte. Garner, b O'Hara	0		
Pte. Humphreys, b O'Hara	14		
Pte. Dixon, c Halkier, b Redhead	14		
Lce.-Cpl. Shotts, not out	0		
Extras	7	Extras	9
Total	69	Total for 5 wkts.	66

Bowling.—C.S.M. O'Hara, 6 for 27, 1st innings; Sgt. Fitzgerald, 3 for 28, 2nd innings.

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DEPÔT 5TH FUSILIERS *v.* WHITFIELD.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Lce.-Cpl. Applegate, c Moore, b Williamson	5
Cpl. Burns, c Christerson, b Latherby	5
Capt. MacKay, b Latherby	2
Sgt. Fitzgerald, b Williamson	0
C.S.M. O'Hara, c Christerson, b Williamson	3
R.Q.M.S. Redhead, b Williamson	0
Mr. Forbes Watson, b Williamson	7
Fus. Halkier, c J. Rutherford, b Williamson	16
Fus. Crozier, b Williamson	2
Cpl. Gelder, b Latherby	0
Fus. Shields, not out	4
Extras	1
Total	45

Bowling.—Williamson, 7 for 21.

WHITFIELD.

Williamson, b O'Hara	2
J. Rutherford, c Shields, b O'Hara	0
White, c Crozier, b Gelder	0
R. Rutherford, c MacKay, b O'Hara	29
Stewart, c Redhead, b O'Hara	16
Swainton, b Fitzgerald	6
A. Maughan, c Crozier, b Fitzgerald	5
T. Maughan, c Gelder, b O'Hara	0
Latherby, lbw Fitzgerald	6
Armstrong, not out	8
Christerson, b Gelder	0
Extras	3
Total	75

Bowling. C.S.M. O'Hara, 5 for 38; Fitzgerald, 3 for 4.

Although Whitfield won the above match we had the pleasure of turning the tables on them afterwards in a time match of one hour's batting each. Scores—

Whitfield, 95 for 8.
5th Fusiliers, 99 for 8.

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DEPÔT 5TH FUSILIERS *v.* DEPÔT DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Q.M.S.I. Brown, b Colman	27
Sgt. Fitzgerald, c Schofield, b Potter	0
C.S.M. O'Hara, b Wilson	17
Fus. Halkier, b Wilson	0
Cpl. Ross, b Wilson	0
Fus. Crozier, c Hopper, b Potter	9
Fus. Richardson, b Colman	2
Lce.-Sgt. Brown, c Hunter, b Colman	0
Fus. Ashbrooke, b Colman	0
Fus. Macklam, c and b Wilson	6
Fus. Jenkins, not out	0
Extras	10
Total	71

Bowling. Lce.-Cpl. Wilson, 4 for 19; Lce.-Cpl. Colman, 4 for 19.

DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY.

Cpl. Potter, c Fitzgerald, b Brown	3
Lce.-Cpl. Wilson, lbw Fitzgerald	3
Lce.-Cpl. Colman, b Brown	6
Sgt. Hopper, b Fitzgerald	3
Pte. Schofield, b O'Hara	2
Pte. Levine, b Brown	2
Pte. McClorry, c O'Hara, b Brown	0
Pte. Teasdale, c Brown, b Ross	0
Pte. Rapson, c and b Brown	0
Pte. Hunter, st Halkier, b O'Hara	3
Pte. Brooks, not out	1
Extras	4
Total	27

Bowling.—Q.M.S. Brown, 5 for 15; Sgt. Fitzgerald, 2 for 4; C.S.M. O'Hara, 2 for 4.

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5TH FUSILIERS *v.* GAS WELFARE C.C.

GAS WELFARE C.C.

Pearson, b Q.M.S. Brown	2
Riddle, c and b O'Hara	4
Sowerby, b O'Hara	4
Marram, b Fitzgerald	28
Baxter, c Gelder, b Fitzgerald	20
Whitlaw, b Q.M.S. Brown	12
Giles, b O'Hara	3
Sage, b O'Hara	0
Watson, c Sgt. Brown, b O'Hara	0
Scott, c Sgt. Brown, b O'Hara	3
Blyth, not out	3
Extras	12
Total	91

Bowling.—C.S.M. O'Hara, 6 for 26.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Q.M.S. Brown, b Baxter	10
Fus. Halkier, b Baxter	3
C.S.M. O'Hara, b Baxter	2
Fus. Crozier, c Pearson, b Marram	7
Fus. Shields, st Pearson, b Baxter	11
Sgt. Fitzgerald, c Sowerby, b Baxter	0
Cpl. Burns, c Pearson, b Marram	0
Cpl. Gelder, b Baxter	0
Sgt. Brown, c Riddle, b Sage	8
Lce.-Cpl. Applegate, b Baxter	0
Fus. Richardson, not out	4
Extras	5
Total	50

Bowling.—Baxter, 7 for 17.

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DEPÔT 5TH FUSILIERS *v.* 54TH BTY. R.F.A.

R.F.A.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Bmdr. Dryer, b Fitzgerald	17	c Richardson, b Shields	3
Boy Witton, b Redhead	6	run out	2
Capt. Shaw, b Redhead	5	c Richardson, b Shields	3
Bmdr. Kelminster, c Crozier, b Fitzgerald	0	c Sgt. Brown, b Q.M.S. Brown	2
Lieut. Carr, run out	10	b Brown	1
Sgt. Usher, b Redhead	2	b Brown	0
Dmr. Harper, b Fitzgerald	1	run out	7
Gnr. Woodham, c Crozier, b Fitzgerald	0	b Burns	0
Mr. Newell, b Redhead	3	not out	8
Gnr. Johnson, b Fitzgerald	0	st Halkier, b MacKay	0
Gnr. Harrold, not out	6	b MacKay	7
Extras	1	Extras	1
Total	51	Total	34

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Fus. Shields, b Dryer	0	not out	1
Fus. Crozier, c Harper, b Shaw	0	not out	21
Capt. MacKay, c Harrold, b Dryer	21	b Dryer	0
Q.M.S. Brown, c and b Dryer	7	c Dryer, b Witton	3
Q.M.S. Redhead, b Dryer	20	b Kelminster	24
Mr. Forbes Watson, b Dryer	4	c and b Witton	1

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Fus. Halkier, b Dryer	0	lbw Witton	6
Sgt. Fitzgerald, c Carr, b Dryer	4	b Dryer	11
Cpl. Burns, not out	5	c Witton, b Dryer	7
Sgt. Brown, run out	0	c Shaw, b Witton	2
Fus. Richardson, c Usher, b Witton	0	b Witton	1
Extras	6	Extras	5
Total	67	Total	82

Bowling.—1st innings: Fitzgerald, 5 for 17; Redhead, 4 for 33, for 5th Fus. Dryer, 7 for 24, for R.F.A.

2nd innings: Q.M.S. Brown, 3 for 13; Shields, 2 for 14; Capt. MacKay, 2 for 5, for 5th Fus. Witton, 5 for 20, for R.F.A.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN,

19th July, 1925.

The writer apologises for the absence of matter in last month's notes, due to pressure of other duties.

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Another very successful Annual Training has passed by, and although Pwllheli proved to be somewhat disappointing as a seaside resort, it certainly afforded this Battalion one of the

OFFICERS, W.O. AND N.C.O.'S, "X" (CHAMPION) COY. AT PWLLHELI, 1925.

best camp sites we are ever likely to sea—(pun !)—and we should have to travel far to find a more beautiful view than that to be obtained from our hillside overlooking Cardigan Bay.

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The general efficiency, as well as the strength, of the Battalion showed marked improvement—so much so, that the Champion Company Cup has at last changed hands, due, we are glad to say, not to any deterioration on the part of "Y" Company (who came in a good second), but to the great strides made by the other Companies, and more especially by "X" (Captain R. Wood's) Company, which won the Cup and the coveted title of "Champion Company" for the ensuing year.

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In spite of the progress made, we regret to say that the Brigadier's Inspection placed us third in the order of merit of the Battalions in the Brigade in the matter of "Turn-out."

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Our Transport was placed second to that of the 6th Battalion.

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We must still therefore make further efforts to get our arms, equipment, clothing and boots, scabbards and chin-straps, etc., to a higher standard than has hitherto been attained, so that in future years we may cultivate the same habits in these respects as we have done with regard to the Brigade Sports events.

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We succeeded once again in winning both the Brigade Trophies, defeating the 6th Bn. in the final of the Football Championship and scoring top points in the Brigade Cross Country Run.

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We were disappointed at being deprived of the annual visit of our Honorary Colonel (Col. A. J. Foster, C.B., C.B.E.), who was, greatly to his own regret and ours, prevented at the last moment from coming to see us as he had intended.

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A Battalion Rifle Meeting has been arranged to take place at Ponteland on Bank Holiday, Monday, 3rd August, when the following four events will be decided :—

1st Event.—"The Ponteland Challenge Cup," and Gold Medal. Individual Competition for Best Shot in the Battalion. Open to all ranks of the Battalion (excluding Permanent Staff).

Practices.—100 yards. Grouping.
200 yards. 5 rounds application.
300 yards. 10 rounds rapid. (Conditions as for Lambton.)
500 yards. 5 rounds application. (No sighting shots.)

2nd to receive Silver Medal; 3rd to receive Bronze Medal.

2nd Event.—"The Stewart Bronze and Gold Medal." Individual Competition for best Recruit Shot in the Battalion. Open to all N.C.O.'s and men who enlisted on or after 31st October, 1924.

Practices.—(As for Ponteland Challenge Cup.)

2nd to receive Silver Medal; 3rd to receive Bronze Medal.

3rd Event.—"The Inter-Company Challenge Bowl" and 8 Silver Spoons. Company teams of 8 (including 1 officer and not more than 2 N.C.O.'s). Limited to 1 team per Company.

Practices.—(As for 50th Division Memorial Cup Competition.)

4th Event.—"The Field Firing Cup" and 5 miniature Replicas. Company teams of 5 (1 officer or W.O., 1 N.C.O. and 3 Fusiliers). Companies may enter up to 4 teams for this Competition.

Practices.—(As for Co-operative Union Challenge Cup.)

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We are now busy preparing for the Brigadier's Annual Inspection of Drill Halls, Arms, Equipment, Clothing, Vehicles, Harness, Documents and what-nots, so with a little prayer, we will pass away and make room for the effusions of our Special Correspondents from Prudhoe, Newburn and Haltwhistle.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

In view of our concise message of regret for lack of notes last month, we feel that we must justify our military existence in this issue.

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We had not time to produce notes last month owing to our strenuous pot-hunting efforts. Sorry, "Prudhoe"—better luck next time.

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The doings of the detachment during the last two months have been many and varied, ranging from shooting in mud and filth at Allendale, to soldiering in the tropical climes of Wales.

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In the merry month of May, the detachment sent a body of about 100 officers and other ranks under Captain G. L. Bradley to practise field firing and platoon battle drill. Capts. Watson, Wood and Peacock, Messrs. Gibson, McLellan and Fleming were also present.

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The spin of a coin decided that "W" Coy. should complete their firing on the first day, which they did, and they were lucky, for on the second day the continuous rainfall prevented "X" Coy. from shooting.

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The ground was very wet inside the tents, with the result that the second day was spent in standing in section groups around tent poles, indulging in instructive conversation.

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General Dudgeon, Colonel Morant and the C.O. visited the camp, but owing to weather conditions we could produce no fighting exhibition for them.

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That some good work, however, was put in, was made manifest in the glorious attempts of R.S.M. Clark, C.S.M.'s Stuart and McTeer, and C.Q.M.S. Brown to practice night marching by the stars.

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No sleep was obtained at Allendale owing to a mad horse, or some form of *Brontosaurus*, charging madly round the tents in the early hours of the morning.

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March, April and May were spent in very earnest endeavours at attaining efficiency. Our new Drill Hall helped considerably and the Miniature Range was a great blessing, and, at any rate in our own opinion, a very efficient detachment entrained on 14th June for annual camp at Pwllheli.

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So far as we are concerned, the outstanding feature of this camp was the winning of the Champion Company Cup by "X" Coy., thus bringing it to Newburn for the first time, and permanently, we hope. Though we say it ourselves, this is a noteworthy achievement, and "X" Company (Capt. R. Wood) has our heartiest congratulations. H.Q. Wing won the Inter-Company Football Championship from "X" Company, thus retaining another honour for the detachment. We had hoped that either "W" Coy. or H.Q. Wing would have won the Tug-of-War medals for us, but "Y" Coy. was victorious in this event.

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We all thoroughly enjoyed our fortnight of annual training, but there was just a shadow of doubt as to the suitability of the town of Pwllheli being able to provide a sufficient variety of attractions for the troops.

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It was very noticeable in the town every evening that there were more than the usual groups of men wandering about the streets who seemed not quite sure of what they could do to amuse themselves. The best description of Pwllheli town would be to liken it unto Portobello, near Edinburgh.

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It was really surprising to find that such a large number of the population could speak English, and the troops did not become Welch linguists by any means, although quite a number studied a particular sentence appertaining to walking along the beach.

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Newburn lads are not famous for "spoiling their holidays with scenery," so to speak, but we were all unanimous in admiring the beautiful spot chosen for the camp.

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The weather was most excellent, and we returned from camp very satisfied and very brown. It is rumoured that one fair young Fusilier was so sunburnt, that on his return home he was not recognised and kicked away from the door, because

OFFICERS' BATHING PARADE ! !

PWLLHELI, 1925.

his people thought he was a stranger trying to "come the game."

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The literature of the Newburn Military Academy had its reward in camp, in the form of widespread spare-time mutual instruction. During the whole of camp, nearly every tent contained a harassed N.C.O. who was continually expected to satisfy the demand for knowledge. A certain red-haired Lewis Gun Section Commander was an undoubted seat of learning, and put in some stout work. This is good, and he is to be commended for it.

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Even one of our Subalterns roamed about camp with an unquenchable thirst for knowledge. Towards the end of the fortnight his questions were becoming deep and full of meaning, and it was noticed that senior officers watched him carefully and fled when they saw a question coming. His unfortunate Company Commander, however, was always subject to these fixing tactics, rarely being able to escape with dignity.

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We were all kept pretty busy at camp, and when training was o'er there was always the cleaning up for the morrow,

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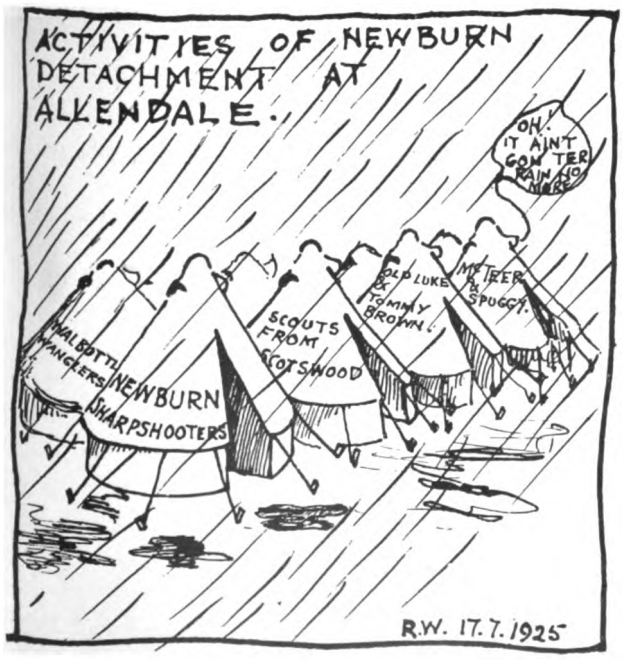
sports, games and bathing parades. Even when the water supply was *hors de combat*, many officers felt it their duty to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sit in empty baths and go "through the motions," so to speak, as seen in photograph.

On Saturday, 11th July, Captains G. L. Bradley, W. Watson and R. Wood were present at the 6th Battalion Annual Sports.

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We congratulate Messrs. A. S. Todd and G. B. Smith on defeating the Examiners in the practical examination for Certificate "A."

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We are glad to report that the Champion Company Cup
Has changed its destination—its Haltwhistle time is up.
It has now come to Newburn, and we hope it's here to stay,
For at Annual Camp in future we'll still renew the fray.
"Y" (why) the ex-Champion Company lost is difficult to tell,
But the "X" Champion Company won, and "Y's" mighty power fell.
But "Y" Company undoubtedly still retain some of their might,
Next year's reaction will produce a collosal mighty fight.
"X" has received the congratulations of "W," "Y" and "Z,"
And the only hope next year will be to win by a short head.
Next year's winner must rid itself of passengers and grousers,
Style alone won't win the Cup, just Green Blanco, Pack Boards, Creased Trousers.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Newburn Detachment.

During the past month there has been great activity. The preparation and departure for camp was more than usually hectic owing to the record strength of the Detachment.

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All members of the Mess were present at camp, with one exception.

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The camp was a great success, letter "X" Company furnishing the special item by winning the Champion Company Cup.

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We congratulate its Commander, Officers, W.O. and N.C.O.'s on their well-earned success.

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We wish letter "W" Company better luck next year.

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We have to welcome Lce.-Sgt. C. Wheeler to the Mess and hope he has come to stay.

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We have also to congratulate our new member on his success at the Signalling Examination. 100 % marks was some going ! !

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The usual clearing up has followed our return from camp—then the bomb shell fell ; the Colonel-Commandant will hold his Annual Inspection in three weeks' time ; it's all over now—all's well.

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The Mess Committee have not lost much time. Our Billiard Handicap is now in full swing. The R.S.M. is the favourite so far. The final results will be published in our next notes, if C.S.M. Stuart has finished his game in time.

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Arrangements are going ahead for our Annual Shoot and trip, the Committee are busy deciding where we will go. They are at present uncertain whether it will be the North Pole or Blythe.

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As for the Shoot, there is much speculation as to the winner.

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No one has any fear of George S. Arrow.

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

Our Annual Camp is over once more, and our civil occupations again resumed. We had an excellent fortnight, thanks chiefly to the beautiful weather.

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Our congratulations are offered to " X " Company on winning the Champion Company Cup—our own place being second on the list. We know from experience how much the Cup means to the winning Company, and we know also how much hard work it entails.

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We had a splendid reception by the local inhabitants on our return from camp, in spite of the train being nearly an hour late.

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It was a pity that Pwllheli did not offer more amusements for the troops. The scenery and the position of the camping ground were simply ideal.

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Our Company had a very successful day at the Battalion Sports—it is to be noted that all the three Officers of the Company were on the prize list. A description of the Company Commander's prize had better be deferred.

BATTALION SPORTS NOTICES.

For the fourth year in succession, we were able to retain the 149th Infantry Brigade Football Cup.

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We beat the 6th Battalion in the final by 2 goals to 1. It was a hard-fought game, and if we want to keep our top place in future we must keep well up to scratch.

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Our team consisted of Lce.-Cpl. J. Hardy in goal, with Sgt. D. Grant (*capt.*) and Cpl. R. March as *right* and *left backs*; and from *left to right half-backs*, Fusrs. R. Liddle, S. Smith and T. Schollick; *forwards*, Fusrs. H. Stone, R. Somerville, G. Teasdale, J. Gray and J. Purdy.

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We were fortunate in winning back from the 6th Battalion the Brigade Cross-Country Cup. The Battalion had nine men in the first thirty, as follows:—3rd, Fus. M. Bell; 5th, Fus. R. Keating; 9th, Lce.-Cpl. M. Delaney; 12th, Fus. Urwin; 16th, Cpl. Towler; 18th, Mr. G. B. Smith; 19th, Fus. M. T. Fisher; 20th, Fus. R. W. Fisher; 24th, Mr. J. Clark.

On the 11th July, we sent a Battalion Relay Race team to compete in the open event in the 6th Battalion Annual Sports, at Byker. The team was made up as follows:—Fus. E. Dodds, 220 yds.; Mr. J. Clark, 440 yds.; Fus. R. Keating, 880 yds.; and Fus. H. Marmion, 220 yds.

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They all ran very well indeed, and the team came in second, being beaten by the Depôt team of the 5th Fusiliers, which was greatly assisted by the fine running of Mr. Forbes Watson.

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If we should get the same opportunity again next year we should be able to take first place. We would advise Fusilier R. Keating to practice the 880 distance, as he has the makings of a very fine runner.

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H.Q. Wing Football Team beat " X " Company, and secured the Inter-Company Football Medals; while " Y " Coy. Tug-of-War Team won the Inter-Company Tug-of-War Medals by beating " Z " Coy.

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We held our Battalion Annual Sports in camp at Pwllheli, on Monday, 22nd June, and there was quite a good turn out of competitors. The weather was very fine, and a number of visitors arrived, and the day was a great success.

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The winners of the various events were as follows:—

100 *Yds.*—1st, Fus. Somerville; 2nd, Fus. Marmion; 3rd, Fus. Cameron.

220 *Yds.*—1st, Fus. Somerville; 2nd, Fus. Marmion; 3rd, Fus. Dixon.

440 *Yds.*—1st, Mr. J. Clark; 2nd, Fus. Marmion; 3rd, Fus. Keating.

Half-mile.—1st, Fus. M. Bell; 2nd, Fus. R. Bell; 3rd, Fus. A. Bell.

The Mile.—1st, Lce.-Cpl. Hardy; 2nd, Cpl. Towler; 3rd, Lce.-Cpl. Delaney.

Long Jump.—1st, Fus. Marmion, 16ft.; 2nd, Fus. Cameron, 15ft. 9in.

High Jump.—1st, Fus. Nicholson, 4ft. 5in.; 2nd, Mr. G. B. Smith, 4ft. 1½in.

Sergeants' Egg and Spoon Race.—1st, Sgt. Warner; 2nd, Sgt. Grant.

Officers' V.C. Race.—1st, Capt. A. B. Hare.

Band Race.—1st, Fus. Foster; 2nd, Fus. McLeary.

Inter-Company Relay Race.—1st, " Y " Coy.; 2nd, " Z " Coy.; 3rd, " W " Coy.

Transport Turn-out.—1st, Fus. F. Brown; 2nd, Fus. R. Bagley; 3rd, Lce.-Cpl. Quinn.

R.S.M. Clark acted as Steward, C.S.M. Stuart as Starter, C.S.M.'s Wind and McTeer as Judges, and C.S.M. Pears and Sgt. McIvor as recorders.

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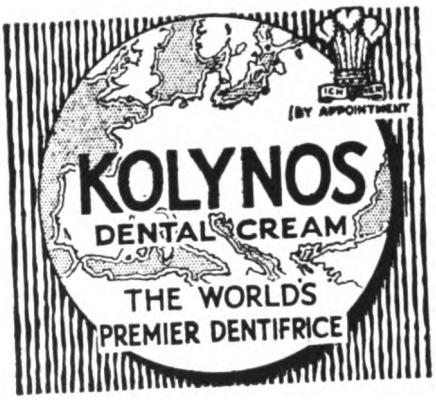

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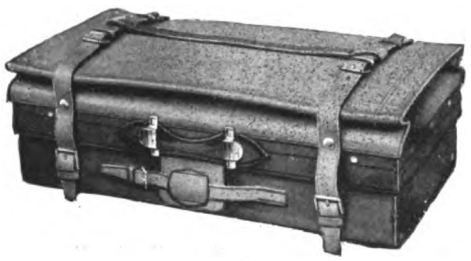

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5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,

July, 1925.

We have all, more or less, settled down to work again—or shall we say every day life—after a most enjoyable and successful Annual Training. It was well worth the long train journey to Pwllheli, and the troops showed their appreciation of this by conducting themselves on the journeys to and from like long-trained men. The meals, at Chester on the outward journey, and at Leeds on the return journey, were most welcome. It was rather a unique experience arriving at, and leaving, camp in the early hours of the morning. We were favoured throughout the fifteen days with ideal weather. The general opinion, however, was that a fortnight under such conditions was not long enough. We seemed no sooner to arrive, settle down and begin to appreciate the life, than it was time to pack up and return home.

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The training was of a most interesting nature—mainly based on "Defence." A most noticeable and encouraging feature this year was the marked improvement in Section Leading. And we ought to know a little more about Indication and Recognition of Targets!

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This year the Machine Gun Platoon of the Battalion enjoyed one of the most interesting Annual Trainings that we have ever had. Training was carried out under Brigade arrangements, and we were enabled to know the other Machine Gun Platoons, as in many operations we were working as composite Platoons. The chief point brought out this year was the increased importance of machine gun training, and it was noticed that there was a very great improvement in the efficiency and the resource of the N.C.O.'s when left to act on their own initiative.

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We have to thank Lieut. W. J. McCann, of the Cameronians, the Brigade Machine Gun Officer, for a most interesting and instructive training programme.

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The Training Cadre from the Depôt, as usual, gave us some very instructive demonstrations. Sergt. Marr (Sergeant-Cook from the Depôt) was attached to the Battalion for three days, and the knowledge he imparted brought the cook house up to a high standard of efficiency.

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Lieut. F. H. Phillips and Lieut. G. M. I. Stanley are to be congratulated on passing their promotion examination, which was held in camp. Our Adjutant is a splendid coach!

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The Battalion sports were not held in camp, but will, as usual, be held on the 140th Brigade Recreation Ground later in the year. The Inter-Company Football Competition, however, was played off and won by "C" Company.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,

25th July, 1925.

Pwllheli training is a thing of the past since our last notes were penned, and one can now reflect with pleasure on the glorious weather which prevailed throughout and the charming situation of the camp, our own in particular. The Battalion, less transport, covered itself with glory, the Brigade Commander being especially complimentary in the case of "C" (Amble) Company (Capt. T. Appleby). We have now a great reputation to live up to in the way of turn-out, and this, in a Brigade like ours, where so much keenness is in evidence, means hard work on the part of all ranks in the future.

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In the field, "B" and "D" Companies (Capt. Watson and Lieut. Ledgerwood) were congratulated by the Divisional General on the way they carried their objectives with the support of their light automatics on Brigade manœuvres.

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We had the good fortune to obtain the town's Recreation Ground for the Annual Sports, on 25th June, and were favoured with the attendance of General and Mrs. Dudgeon and Colonel Morant. At the close, Mrs. Dudgeon gracefully presented the prizes, and on the call of Col. Wright she was thanked for so doing, with three hearty cheers.

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Here are the results of the various events, credit being due to the Sports Officer (Lieut. Ledgerwood) for the absence of irritating delays:—

100 *Yards*.—Fus. R. A. Tait, H.Q.W.; Lce.-Cpl. Murphy, "A" Coy.; Cpl. T. Appleby, "A" Coy.

220 *Yards*.—Cpl. T. Appleby, "A" Coy.; Fus. Murphy, "A" Coy.; Fus. Tait, H.Q.W.

440 *Yards*.—Fus. Tait, H.Q.W.; Fus. Falcus, "D" Coy.; Fus. R. Patterson, "D" Coy.

Mile.—Fus. H. Gillie, "D" Coy.; Fus. R. Patterson, "D" Coy.; Cpl. T. C. Patterson, "D" Coy.

High Jump.—Fus. McLain, "B" Coy.; Cpl. Kay, "B" Coy.; Fus. J. Smith, "B" Coy.

Sack Race.—Dmr. H. Adamson, H.Q.W.; Fus. R. T. Scott, "D" Coy.; Cpl. W. Redpath, "D" Coy.

Three-legged Race.—Cpl. J. L. Wilson and Fus. R. Phillips, "C" Coy.; Fusrs. J. Allan and A. Barnett, "D" Coy.; Fusrs. G. Wood and J. Robson, "B" Coy.

Potato Race.—Fus. T. Macgregor, H.Q.W.; Fus. C. Leslie, "B" Coy.; Fus. R. Rump, "B" Coy.

Relay Race.—"D" Coy.'s team (Cpl. T. C. Patterson, Fusrs. R. Patterson, J. Falcus and H. Gillie).

Chariot Race.—Fusrs. Wilkinson, Luke, Ewart and Bell, "A" Coy.; Lce.-Cpl. Gardiner, Fusrs. Davison, Middlemiss and Hart, "C" Coy.; Cpl. Kay, Fusrs. Falcus, Kay and Leslie, "B" Coy.

Tug-of-War.—"A" Coy.'s team: C.S.M. Purves, Sgt. Gibbinson, Cpls. Lynn, Hedley, Fletcher, Lce.-Cpls. Walker and O'Hare, and Fus. Carter.

C.O.'s Cup for all round athletic efficiency.—Fus. R. A. Tait, H.Q.W. (Morpeth).

Inter-Company Football Competition.—"B" Coy.'s team: Fusrs. McLean, Lockyer, Thompson, Leslie, Collins, Dixon, Davison, Savage, Turnbull, Taylor and Finlay.

Transport Wagon Competition.—Fus. Mansell, H.Q.W.; Fus. J. Dickinson, H.Q.W.

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Best Turned-out Charger.—Fus. R. A. Tait, H.Q.W.; Fus. Howell, "B" Coy.

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While on the subject of sport, we should here mention that Fusrs. H. Gillie and R. Patterson, of "D" Coy., were 4th and 7th in the Brigade cross-country race, and as a result qualified for two of the medals presented by Colonel Morant.

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The Battalion soccer team, after taking the lead against the R.E.'s in the Brigade competition, fell away and lost by 3—1. Much interest was taken in the Inter-Company matches, in which "B" Company triumphed, the names of the winners being included in the list above.

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Congratulations to Capt. E. H. Watson, on passing the written part of Examination "D" for promotion; also 2nd Lieuts. M. Robson and V. W. Brown on their successes in Exam. "A."

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Capt. E. D. Mackay has completed his small arms course at the Depôt, Newcastle.

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In the hurly-burly of camp life we omitted in our last notes to thank Major Booth, O.C. Depôt, for so kindly sending a team of boxers to compete at the tournament promoted under the auspices of the Depôt, K.O.S. Borderers and the Berwick Company, 7th Northld. Fusiliers. Lieut. T. Bennett, M.C., was in charge of the team, which came, saw and conquered. Cpl. Ross won the Light-weights, Fus. Marron the Welter, and Cpl. Gelder the Middle-weights. Competitors were forward from the 1st K.O.S. Borderers, Edinburgh; the Depot, Berwick, and 4th Battalion, Galashiels; also our Depôt and Battalion. Our thanks are due to the Borderers for accommodating our competitors and for hospitality extended.

Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
Near Wallingford.

31st July, 1925.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1912, 1913, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924.

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All readers of the *Gazette* will be glad to hear that Lt.-Col. J. Bett, who was at one time Hon. Editor of this Journal, has been granted a reward of £50 p.a. by the War Office in recognition of his distinguished service. While congratulating the War Office on their perceptive ability in making this award, we can all, as good 5th Fusiliers, administer to ourselves a self-congratulatory pat on the back on account of the reflected glory which is ours.

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Letter to the Editor.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

9, Baker Street,
London, W. 1.

1st July, 1925.

"YPRES BOOK OF VALOUR."

Sir,

May I ask for a little of your valuable space that I may inform all military units interested in the preparation of the proposed "Ypres Book of Valour" that they should address me in place of the late Field-Marshal the Earl of Ypres on this subject? Notices were recently sent to regiments telling those who have not already contributed to the material of this book that accounts of heroic deeds that they wish to have included must be received by September the 30th next.

They were also told that in view of the immediate success of "The Immortal Salient," it has been now decided to compile the "Book of Valour" in the form of a companion volume to the first book. Following the roads of "The Immortal Salient," we propose to fill out the map with incident and story connected with each historic spot.

All replies were to have been addressed to Field-Marshal Lord Ypres, and the publication of this letter will be the quickest way to get in touch with the Officers, so as not to delay the publication of the book.

The late Field-Marshal took a deep interest in it, and it is our earnest wish that every regiment will be represented somewhere in this epic.

I am,
W. P. Pulteney, Lieut.-General.
Chairman, Ypres League.

A LESSON IN ECONOMY.

Grock, the famous clown, tells of the father who had no lunch to give to his children, but just a penny for each of them. So the father said that any child who did not want lunch should have a penny. Of course, they were all ready to do without lunch for a penny, and they were going off rejoicing, each with a copper, when the father called after them: "Be careful to bring your pennies with you when you come back, otherwise there will be no money to buy supper."

THE FIGHTING SPIRIT.

An Irishman in a museum was gazing with interest at a copy of the "Winged Victory." "What may yez call that?" he asked an attendant. "That is a statue of Victory, sir," was the reply. "Victory, is it," said Pat, surveying the armless and headless figure, with greater interest than ever; "begorra, thin, I'd like to see the other fellow."

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Lieut. H. G. Steele, M.C., to be Captain (dated 28th January).

2nd-Lieut. C. R. Olver to be Lieutenant (dated 14th July).

Lieut. E. Carr, late 3rd Northd. Fusiliers, on enlistment in the ranks, relinquishes the rank of Lieutenant (dated 11th June).

Capt. E. G. M. Buckley is restored to the establishment (dated 28th April).

The following Lieutenants relinquish the rank of Lieutenant on enlistment into the Supplementary Reserves:—W. Dorward, J. Patterson (dated 8th May).

REGULAR ARMY—RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

The following Officers, having attained the age limit of liability to recall, cease to belong to the Reserve of Officers:—Major-General T. D. Pilcher, C.B. (dated 8th July), Brig.-Gen. H. E. B. Leach, C.B., C.M.G., C.V.O. (dated 18th July).

Capt. A. F. S. Fane, late Service Bns., to be Captain (dated July) with seniority 5th December, 1922.

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

7th Bn.—Capt. (Prov.) E. D. Mackay is confirmed in his rank (dated 15th December, 1923).

A PROUD FATHER HUMBLED.

"He's disappointed in his three-year-old son."

"Disappointed? What's the trouble?"

"The kid hasn't said anything clever enough to repeat for the last two weeks."

Obituary.

MR. JOHN O'BRIEN.

(late Sgt.-Major, 5th Fusiliers.)

The death has taken place at the age of 62, at his residence, 7, Bolton Terrace, Newcastle, of ex-Sergeant-Major John O'Brien.

The deceased, who was more familiarly known as "Patter," from his wonderful fluency in recounting the details of his career, was well-known in military and licensed victualler circles on Tyneside.

Mr. O'Brien was a native of Lancashire and joined the Army as a youth. Promotion came rapidly, and he held the rank of Sergeant-Major during the greater part of his 25 years' service. He was a first-class regimental gymnastic instructor in the 2nd Northumberland Fusiliers, serving for many years in India and China.

During the South African campaign the Sergt.-Major was mentioned in despatches by Lord Roberts. He also distinguished himself as the champion Man-at-Arms in India for two years in succession, and was placed second in the third year. He did meritorious service during the whole of the late war.

He held the Long Service medal, South African medal, and the medals of the late war.

He has been lately employed by the Newcastle Breweries, Limited. He is survived by his widow.

(*Reprinted from the (Newcastle) "Evening Chronicle," 22nd August.*)

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

COLOGNE,

August, 1925.

The past month has been eventful. The writer fully realises his temerity in daring to begin in this unorthodox fashion, thereby departing from the older precedent of starting with a reference to a move, or to the weather, or to the fact that the past month has been uneventful, but leaves it to the readers of our many doings to judge whether or not his rashness is justified.

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We began the month in a mild way with the Rhine Army Aquatic Sports, which took place at Mungersdorf on 28th and 29th July. After four trials, which were well attended, the following teams were chosen:—

(1) 50 *Yards Team Race*.—Fusrs. Dickinson, Good and Cornwall. Of these, Fus. Cornwall reached the semi-final, and Fusrs. Good and Dickinson the final, the latter being placed third.

(2) 100 *Yards Team Race*.—The same team was chosen; Fus. Dickinson reached the final, but was unplaced.

(3) 50 *Yards Relay Race*.—2nd-Lieut. Jones, Fusrs. Dickinson, Good and Cornwall. Our team was second in the final.

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(4) 50 *Yards Medley Relay Race.* Lce.-Cpl. Naylor breast stroke, Fus. Wheldale side stroke, Dr. Smith back stroke, Fus. Cornwall free style.

(5) 440 *Yards Team Race.*—Fusrs. Mitchell, Lench and Weston.

(6) *Diving.*—Bdmn. Lord, Fusrs. Swan and Collighan. Our team was third in the Diving Competition. Individually, Bdmn. Lord was second.

(7) *Plunging.*—Fusrs. Sherburn and Dickinson.

The Battalion Team, as a whole, was fourth out of the thirteen Unit teams which entered.

In the boys' races, Boys Walsh and Lambert entered, the first-named being second.

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Owing to the numerous other events which have been crowded into this month, it has been found necessary to postpone our inter-company swimming until after training is over.

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The next annual event was the Rhine Army Horse Show, which was held at Riehl on 4th and 5th August, and, in the words of the local rag, "was favoured with genial weather."

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We entered for the following events :—Officers' Light Weight Chargers, Two-muled Turn-out with L.G.S. Waggon, and Transport Turn-out.

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In the Officers' Light Weight Chargers, Lt.-Col. Herbert obtained third prize. In the Two-mules Turn-out, Fus. Cave was "highly commended," and we were also "highly commended" in the Transport Turn-out. There was very little to choose between the first four in these two events, and great credit is due to Sergt. Humphreys and the Transport Section for the excellent result, and for all the hard work they put in.

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Though we so narrowly missed being placed higher, we have the satisfaction of knowing that since last year great progress has been made, and so long as we keep going forward, complete success is bound to come soon.

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The Rhine Army Individual Athletic Sports took place on 30th and 31st August.

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Unfortunately the weather was bad, but some excellent times were recorded. It was proved here, and later in the Inter-Regimental Team Sports, that we have easily the best sprinters on the Rhine, and can very well hold our own in the field events.

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The following is a brief account of the various events :—

100 *Yards.*—Our three competitors all won their heats comfortably. Final result : 1, Lieut. Kilgour ; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Obey. These two practically dead-heated and were several yards in front of the third man, Cpl. Dimmock, 43rd Light Infantry. *Time :* 10 2/5th secs.

220 *Yards.*—1, Lce.-Cpl. Obey ; 2, Lieut. Kilgour. These two again finished neck and neck, and were a long way ahead of anyone else. *Time* : 24 2/5ths secs.

440 *Yards.*—1, Lieut. Kilgour ; 2, 2nd-Lieut. Hon. Bernard, 43rd Light Infantry ; 3, Fus. Humphrey. Kilgour and Bernard had a good race, and Fus. Humphrey ran astonishingly well, as he had already on the same day run in the semi-final and final of the half-mile, and the semi-final of the 440. The half-mile final had been a very gruelling race for him. *Time* : 55 secs.

880 *Yards.*—We were unplaced.

High Jump.—Lieut. Beckwith (5 ft. 5 ins.) was second to his old rival, Lieut. Saunders, Cameron Highlanders (5 ft. 6 ins.).

Long Jump.—Lce.-Cpl. Obey was first, with a jump of 19 ft. 8 ins.

Putting the Shot.—1, Lieut. Beckwith, 37 ft. 6 ins. ; 3, Cpl. Watson, 32 ft. 5 ins.

120 *Yards Hurdles.*—All our three competitors, Lieut. Kilgour, Lieut. Beckwith, and 2nd-Lieut. Jones, won their heats easily, but the two first-named did not run in the final, owing to the large number of other events in which they were competing.

In the final, 2nd-Lieut. Jones was a very good second to Sgt. Shepherd, Cameron Highlanders, whose time was 16 3/5th secs.

Throwing the Hammer.—1, Lieut. Beckwith, 102 ft. 3 ins.

In the *Mile*, 3 *Miles* and *Pole Jump* we were unplaced.

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Excellent though the above results were, the greatest excitement was reserved for the Team Championship, which took place on 7th and 8th August. Here, amidst tremendous enthusiasm of our supporters, we were at last victorious by four clear points over our last year's rivals, the Cameron Highlanders, to whom we were then second by a narrow margin.

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The following table shows that in most events we held the same positions as last year, and in addition picked up some extra points for the Hammer and Pole Jump, which were included this year in the Unit Championship.

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This year the Tug-of-War was excluded as it does not figure in the Army Unit Championship.

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Points for places this year were awarded as follows :—

All events except Hammer and Pole Jump, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

Hammer and Pole Jump, 3, 2, 1.

Event.	*5th Fusiliers,* 1924.	*5th Fusiliers,* 1925.	*Points,* 1925.
100 Yards Relay	1st	1st	5
220 Yards Relay	1st	1st	5
440 Yards Relay	1st	1st	5
880 Yards Relay	not placed	4th	2
Mile Team	5th	not placed	0
120 Yards Hurdles.. ..	1st	1st	5
Putting the Shot	1st	1st	5
High Jump ..	tied for 1st place	2nd	4
Long Jump	2nd	1st	5
Pole Jump	not held	3rd	1
Throwing the Hammer ..	not held	1st	3
Three Miles	not placed	not placed	0
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The results of the Sports are given in full, as it is thought that they will be of general interest :—

100 *Yards Relay.*

Heat 1—(1) 5th Fusiliers ; (2) Cameron Highlanders.

Heat 2—(1) K.S.L.I. ; (2) 43rd Light Infantry.

Heat 3—(1) York and Lancaster Regt. ; (2) Royal Ulster Rifles.

Final—(1) 5th Fusiliers ; (2) York and Lancaster Regt. ; (3) Cameron Highlanders ; (4) Royal Ulster Rifles ; (5) 43rd Light Infantry.

Time : 42 2/5ths secs. Won easily.

220 *Yards Relay.*

Heat 1—(1) York and Lancaster Regt. ; (2) Cameron Highlanders.

Heat 2—(1) K.S.L.I. ; (2) Corps of Signals.

Heat 3—(1) 5th Fusiliers ; (2) Royal Ulster Rifles.

Final—(1) 5th Fusiliers ; (2) K.S.L.I. ; (3) York and Lancaster Regt. ; (4) Royal Ulster Rifles ; (5) Cameron Highlanders.

Time : 1 min. 36 4/5ths secs. Won easily by about 40 yards.

Fifth Fusiliers' team for both the above events : Lieut. Kilgour, Lieut. Beckwith, Lce.-Cpl. Obey, Lce.-Cpl. Power.

440 *Yards Relay.*

Heat 1—(1) 43rd Light Infantry ; (2) 5th Fusiliers.

Heat 2—(1) Royal Ulster Rifles ; (2) Manchester Regt.

Heat 3—(1) K.S.L.I. ; (2) Cameron Highlanders.

Final—(1) 5th Fusiliers ; (2) K.S.L.I. ; (3) Cameron Highlanders ; (4) 43rd Light Infantry ; (5) Royal Ulster Rifles.

Time : 3 mins. 36 secs.

As will be seen, on the first day, in the heats we were only second in one heat, being actually beaten by about 25 yards by the 43rd Light Infantry.

On the second day, in the final we won easily by about 40 yards, and the 43rd Light Infantry, who had beaten us, were 4th.

There are various reasons to account for this—*i.e.* :

(1) That our competitors had nearly all had a great deal to do on the first day, and only required to be second to get into the final.

(2) That Lce.-Cpl. Power, who struck a bad patch in the heats, ran a vastly improved and excellent race in the final.

(3) In the final, Lce.-Cpl. Obey, who had not run in the heats, ran a very valuable and well-judged race, although it was only the second time he had run a quarter mile. Lieut. Butterfield was very useful in taking his place in the heat, so sparing him for the numerous other events in which he was competing on the first day.

Fus. Humphrey maintained consistently good form throughout.

Fifth Fusiliers' team—Lieut. Kilgour, Lce.-Cpl. Obey, Lce.-Cpl. Power, Fus. Humphrey.

880 *Yards Relay.*

Heat 1—(1) 43rd Light Infantry ; (2) York and Lancaster Regt.

Heat 2—(1) 5th Fusiliers ; (2) R.A.S.C.

Heat 3—(1) K.S.L.I. ; (2) Cameron Highlanders.

Final—(1) 43rd Light Infantry ; (2) K.S.L.I. ; (3) Cameron Highlanders ; (4) 5th Fusiliers ; (5) York and Lancaster Regt.

Time—8 mins. 28 3/5th secs.

We had a fairly well balanced average team who all did well against some first-class runners.

Fifth Fusiliers' team—Lce.-Cpl. Rhodes, Lce.-Cpl. Ashton, Fus. Humphrey, Fus. Ellison.

1 *Mile Team Race.*

(1) K.S.L.I. ; (2) Cameron Highlanders ; (3) 43rd Light Infantry ; (4) 1st Bn. York and Lancaster Regt.

Our team was outclassed in this event, but ran pluckily against superior odds.

Fifth Fusiliers' team—Lieut. Holdsworth-Hunt, Lce.-Cpl. Jarmaine, Lce.-Cpl. Ashton, Fus. Maclean.

3 *Miles Team Race.*

(1) K.S.L.I. ; (2) 43rd Light Infantry ; (3) Cameron Highlanders ; (4) York and Lancaster Regt. ; (5) Royal Tank Corps.

One member of our team collapsed, and so the remainder abandoned the race.

120 *Yards Hurdles.*

Heat 1—(1) K.S.L.I. ; (2) York and Lancaster Regt.

Heat 2—(1) Cameron Highlanders ; (2) Royal Ulster Rifles.

Heat 3—(1) 5th Fusiliers ; (2) 43rd Light Infantry.

Final—(1) 5th Fusiliers ; (2) Cameron Highlanders ; (3) K.S.L.I. ; (4) 43rd Light Infantry ; (5) York and Lancaster Regt.

Time—1 min. 11 3/5th secs.

We anticipated a win in this event anyway, but matters were made easier still by our nearest opponent falling in the second relay, so we won by half the length of the course without being pressed.

Putting the Shot.

(1) 5th Fusiliers (60 ft. 2½ ins.) ; (2) K.S.L.I. ; (3) Cameron Highlanders ; (4) Royal Ulster Rifles ; (5) 43rd Light Infantry.

Fifth Fusiliers' team—Lieut. Beckwith (39 ft. 11 ins.), Cpl. Watson (29 ft. 3½ ins.).

Lieut. Beckwith's shot putting has suffered a little this year, owing to the amount of practice he has been putting in at throwing the hammer, which event was only put into the programme about a month before the Sports. The main thing is that he assisted the Regiment to win both events, and he only required practice to reach his old standard again.

Cpl. Watson had an off-day, as he put 32 ft. 5 ins. in the individual sports and has frequently done more in practice.

High Jump.

(1) Cameron Highlanders (10 ft. 9 ins.) ; (2) 5th Fusiliers (10 ft. 8 ins.) ; (3) K.S.L.I. (10 ft. 7 ins.). Royal Ulster Rifles, Manchester Regt. and York and Lancaster Regt. tied for 4th place, with 10 ft.

Fifth Fusiliers' team—Lieut. Beckwith (5 ft. 5 ins.), Lce.-Cpl. Obey (5 ft. 3 ins.).

Long Jump.

(1) 5th Fusiliers (38 ft. 5 ins.) ; (2) Cameron Highlanders (38 ft. 4 ins.) ; (3) Royal Tank Corps (38 ft. 2 ins.) ; (4) 43rd Light Infantry (37 ft. 7½ ins.) ; (5) Royal Ulster Rifles (36 ft. 7 ins.).

Fifth Fusiliers' team—Lce.-Cpl. Obey (19 ft. 7 ins.), Lce.-Cpl. Urwin (18 ft. 11 ins.).

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Throwing the Hammer.

(1) 5th Fusiliers (211 ft. 7 ins.) ; (2) York and Lancaster Regt. (174 ft. 10 in.) ; (3) Cameron Highlanders (172 ft. 8½ ins.).

Fifth Fusiliers' team—Lieut. Beckwith (115 ft. 10 ins.), Lce.-Cpl. Stobbert (95 ft. 9 ins.).

With the exception of Lieut. Beckwith, no one threw over 98 ft. Lce.-Cpl. Stobbert was also one of the best individuals.

Pole Jump.

(1) K.S.L.I. (18 ft.) ; (2) Cameron Highlanders (17 ft. 8 ins.) ; (3) 5th Fusiliers (17 ft. 4 ins.).

Fifth Fusiliers' team—Fus. Sanderson (9 ft. 4 ins.) ; Fus. Winter (8 ft.).

Fus. Sanderson did remarkably well to jump 9 ft. 4 ins. During the short period of training from the time he took up pole jumping, he improved continuously, and should be able to do more still with practice.

Final Result, Team Championship.

(1) 5th Fusiliers, 40 points ; (2) Cameron Highlanders, 36 points ; (3) K.S.L.I., 35 points.

The Tug-of-War was a non-championship event. There were two competitors, one for 110 stone teams and one for 130 stone teams. In the 130 stone Tug-of-War we drew a bye into the semi-final, and were then beaten by the Military Police. This team had less opportunity of practising than the 110 stone team, as the inclusion of this event in the programme was unexpected and we had to wait for the two companies to come in from Solingen before a team could be formed.

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In the 110 stone competition we drew a bye in the first round, won one match in the second round, beat the Manchester Regt. in the semi-final, and were beaten by the Cameron Highlanders in the final.

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Our team, and their coach, Sergt. Blakey, worked hard in their training over a long period, and were very fit, but were beaten by a team who knew more about the game.

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A comparison of the times, etc., for events in the Army Sports at Aldershot this year, and our own efforts here, is interesting and leads to all kinds of speculations as to what we might do at home next year, granted that we keep the same teams and that there are still possibilities of our improving. A comparison of some of the events is given below :—

Event.	HOME ARMY. *1st Place, Time, etc.*	FIFTH FUSILIERS. *Place, Time, etc.*
100 Yards Relay ..	Lancs. Fus., 42 2/5 secs.	1st, 42 2/5 secs.
220 Yards Relay ..	Lancs. Fus., 1 min. 34 2/5 secs.	1st, 1 min. 36 4/5 secs.
440 Yards Relay ..	Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 3 mins. 34 2/5 secs.	1st, 3 mins. 36 secs.
880 Yards Relay ..	Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 8 mins. 25 4/5 secs.	4th (1st, 43rd L.I.), 8 mins. 28 3/5 secs.
120 Yards Hurdles ..	Royal Tank Corps, 1 min. 7 3/5 secs.	1st, 1 min. 11 3/5 secs.
High Jump	Royal Tank Corps, 10 ft. 8 ins.	2nd, 10 ft. 8 in.
Long Jump	Lancs. Fus., 42 ft. 6 in.	1st, 38 ft. 5 in.
Shot	Scots Guards, 69 ft. 10 in.	1st, 69 ft. 2½ in.

Although the only events in which the Regiment equalled the Home Army were the 100 Yards and the High Jump, it is safe to assume that we are capable of doing better times than those we recorded for the 220 and the 440, both of which we won by 40 yards, with our last men casing up, and in which we were 2 2/5ths secs. and 1 3/5th secs. slower respectively.

In the Shot Putting we were considerably below form, and should be quite capable of doing well over 70 feet.

In the Hurdles, although we have a long way to go before we can equal the wonderful time done by the Tanks this year, we were again not fully extended by any means, and may quite reasonably expect to be faster next year.

To sum up, we ought to do very well next year, if :—

(1) our short distance men can at least maintain their present standard ; actually, with training they may even improve a little ;

(2) an improvement can be effected in field events (hurdles, shot, high jump, long jump, etc.) ;

(3) (the biggest "if" of all) we could only improve over distances of half a mile and upwards.

As regards (2), it must be borne in mind that skill in field events is not achieved without considerable practice, and likewise that regular practice under capable coaches (whom we already have) will bring its own reward in the way of improvement. Steps are being taken to run classes during the winter season for the improvement of existing talent and for the discovery of fresh blood, and if this movement is properly supported all round, we ought to make great progress.

As regards (3), without wishing to detract from the very plucky running of our representatives in the longer distances, it is useless to deny that we have not yet reached anything like the standard required to get us into the running in these events. It is hoped that by the organisation of cross country running during the winter something may be done. Or perhaps our weakness in this direction might catch the eye of our representative at the R.M.C. Who knows ?

However, a truce to speculations, and hearty congratulations to all members of the team which represented us and covered itself with glory.

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On the 11th of August, a very successful dance was held in the Officers' Mess, when about 160 guests were present.

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Capt. Lindsay as usual rose to the occasion and again transformed the mess and garden completely by his original and artistic use of coloured lights and floral decorations. His hard work was well rewarded, and the results of it undoubtedly had a great deal to do with the success of the evening and the enjoyment of everybody.

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The Brigade Commander held his annual inspection on Friday, 14th. The Battalion was formed up in close column of companies and inspected. Afterwards we were examined in arms drill and battalion drill, and before the parade was dismissed the Brigade Commander congratulated the Battalion on its turn-out and drill.

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After that the books of the Battalion were examined and reported to be in excellent order.

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Altogether the inspection passed off very satisfactorily.

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Four days later there was another inspection. This time Col. Broadbent, who has succeeded Col. McLachlen as Colonel on the Staff i/c Administration, inspected the administrative branches of the Battalion, and cook-house, institutes, etc. He was apparently pleased with all he saw.

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During the month, Capt. Bradell and Mr. Carr-Ellison have returned from England, the former having been to Hythe on a Senior Captain's course, and the latter on a short course at the Physical Training School. Lieut. Carr-Ellison arrived on the eve of the Sports, just in time to assist the " Flying Four " to maintain their unbroken record on the Rhine of victories in the hurdles.

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Captain Chipper's brief stay has come to an end, and he has gone on leave prior to sailing for India. We wish him all good luck with the 2nd Battalion.

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Capt. Rushbrooke went on short leave to England after the dance, the arrangements for which were under his guidance. Capt. Myers has also been on short leave to Belgium, and has returned looking very fit.

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We are glad to see the Band again after their tour in England. They played at Ramsgate, Margate and Littlehampton, and were, as usual, very well received wherever they went.

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Hearty congratulations to Sergt. Fletcher on being awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, which was presented to him on parade after church by the Commanding Officer.

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The Rhine Army Rifle Meeting was completed at the double on Tuesday, 21st, this being the last event of a somewhat hectic month. In these days of progress it is depressing to record that the results from our point of view were far from satisfactory, our only real achievement being Mr. Newstead's success in winning the Individual Rapid Competition, for which he received £5 and a silver spoon.

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On Sunday evening, 23rd, we start off for Battalion and Brigade Training, finally winding up with a few days' manœuvres. It is not yet known whether we are going to fight Bolshies, a European Army, or well-armed savages, but one thing is quite certain, and that is that mountain warfare will not come into the picture—because nearly the whole area is as flat as a pancake.

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The past month has been eventful.

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Altogether, what with Rhine Army Swimming and Athletic Sports, the Horse Show, Inspections, Rifle Meeting, Tennis Tournaments, Dances, Races, etc., we almost feel we are in need of a period of Battalion training in which to rest and recuperate after such a flood of events.

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.

FYZABAD,

23rd July, 1925.

It will have been observed by students of the drama that, in the theatrical notes of certain of the London periodicals, the chief topic of discussion recently has been " Rain," and herein we trace a likeness between the Metropolis and ourselves, in that, with us also, the principal event of the month, which has filled our minds and conversation, and in some cases our bungalows, has been this same phenomenon of Nature. Perhaps even a further similarity may be traced in the fact that in each case the accompanying atmosphere is of a somewhat " lurid " type !

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The same journals have been filled with distressing accounts of the heat wave which has visited England and caused so much inconvenience to the inhabitants thereof, but in this instance we must be excused if our sympathies are lukewarm. Tales of a thermometer standing at 78 degrees in the shade leave us comparatively cold, who for months past have experienced anything up to 105 degrees. However, many of us know from personal experience that 78 degrees in London, when compared with a similar temperature in India, is quite a different story.

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At the time of writing, we are a very small party here in Fyzabad, due to the fact that the second Hill Detachment has started on its journey to Ranikhet, whilst the first Detachment is still on its way down. Consequently we cannot muster much more than a hundred on parade, and for the nonce " nights in bed " have become of such rare occurrence as almost to have qualified them for space in a museum.

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The second Hill Detachment, consisting of Major Foster, 2nd-Lieutenants Bucknall, Clifford, Hobbs and Kingstone, with 257 other ranks, left Fyzabad on 13th July, and despite the unlucky date, arrived safely at their destination—at least, we have not heard to the contrary, but what with floods in the plains and land-slides in the mountains, and a very indifferent postal service at the best of times, news travels slowly.

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The current month has seen the birth of two new organisations in the Battalion, namely, the Battalion Revolver Club and the "Fusilier Novelty Jazz Band."

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The Revolver Club has been founded with the object of giving all ranks an opportunity of practicing with that weapon and thus raising the standard of shooting, which is at present rather low. A small subscription is charged and ammunition is provided free. The first meeting of the Club was held on 16th July, when matches were fired between the Officers and Sergeants, and Corporals and Fusiliers, respectively. The Officers managed to defeat their opponents by 30 points, and the Fusiliers were victorious by 2 points. The shooting was not much to boast about, but if the Club fulfils its mission we shall soon see an improvement.

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The "Novelty Jazz Band" is an attempt to co-ordinate and turn to a useful purpose the musical talent which, judging from the sounds issuing from the Barrack Bungalows of an evening, must abound in the Battalion.

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Its formation is due to the initiative of Mr. Olver, who has been assisted as Musical Director by Cpl. Massey. The members of the Band are as follows :—*Conductor and Pianist*, Cpl. Massey ; *1st Violins*, Fus. Cresswell and Lce.-Cpl. Batie ; *2nd Violin*, Fus. Wilks ; *Mandoline*, Lce.-Cpl. Maddison ; *Banjos*, Fus. Battle, Fus. Walton and Fus. Pearce ; *Saxophone*, Fus. Ouzman ; *Clarinet*, Lce.-Cpl. Ouzman ; *Drums and Effects*, Fus. Butler.

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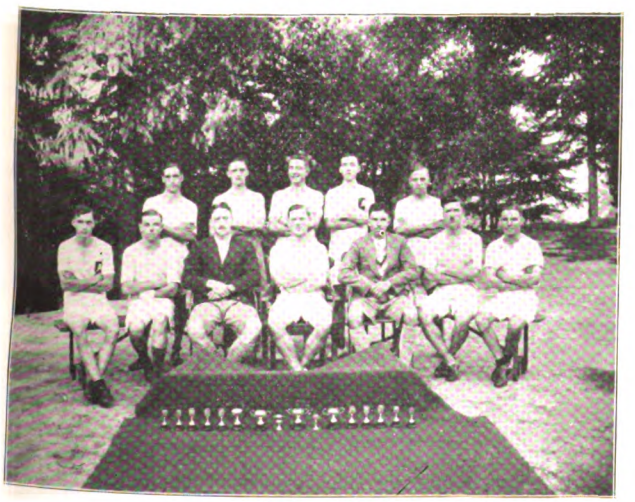
The principal function of the Band is to provide music for dances, but during the summer, when the St. George's Minstrels



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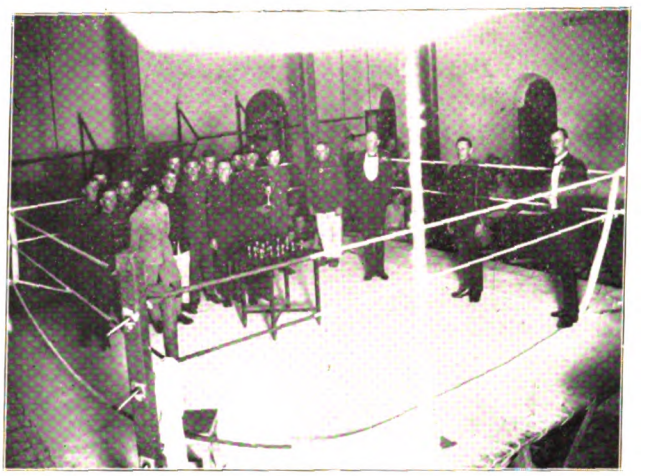
DETAILS 2ND BN. FIFTH FUSILIERS (1ST HILL DETACHMENT).

WINNERS, RANIKHET ATHLETIC MEETING, JUNE, 1925.

Standing.—Fus. Hay, Fus. Burn, Fus. McSweeney, Fus. Cassidy, Fus. J. G. Smith.

Seated.—Fus. Callaghan, Cpl. Moran, Lieut. E. H. D. Grimley, Cpl. Dickinson, Lieut. W. R. Jenney, Bdmn. Knox, Bdmn. Anderson.

are having a well-earned rest, they have turned their hand to something more ambitious, and have given several variety entertainments, which were most successful and in which the



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MAJOR-GENERAL C. J. DEVERELL, C.B., G.O.C., UNITED PROVINCES DISTRICT, PRESENTING TO C.S.M. E. BECK, M.M., THE TEAM CUP WON BY "D" COY., 2ND BN. FIFTH FUSILIERS, AT THE RANIKHET INTER-UNIT BOXING TOURNAMENT, 24TH JUNE, 1925.

"novelty" element of the programme was ably supplied by Lce.-Cpl. Ouzman, Fus. Walton and Fus. Butler.

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The whole Band are full of enthusiasm, and have put in much hard work practising, so they fully deserve their initial success.

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Games have been much interfered with by the weather. The Battalion hockey team has made two attempts to bring off a match with the Fyzabad Police, but each time the rain stopped play. The "Rugby" enthusiasts have taken the field and have had several practice games in anticipation of possibly persuading other Regimental teams to visit Fyzabad and give them a game later on in the season.

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Capt. H. St. G. Eagar, M.C., 2nd Batt. The Lincolnshire Regiment, visited us during the month in his capacity of officiating Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General of the 19th Indian Infantry Brigade. This was by no means his first introduction to the FIFTH, as he was born in our midst when his father was serving at the Depôt. The latter was subsequently killed in action with the 1st Battalion at Belmont in 1899.

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Colonel Kershaw and Mr. Collingwood have returned from leave. The former has been visiting Bhim Tal, which is apparently a piscatorial Paradise in the foot-hills of the Himalayas, where he was successful in catching 76 fish, including a mahseer of 13 lbs., which towed him round the lake and took upwards of an hour to bring to land.

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We are expecting Col. Sandilands to return from leave at the end of this month, but rumour has it that his stay with us will be short and that he will be called upon to enter another and more exalted sphere of activity at an early date.

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PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

No. 4256860 Bdsmn. (Lce.-Cpl.) J. Stephenson, permitted to extend the terms of his present engagement to complete 12 years with the Colours.

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No. 4257208 Cpl. C. Frayne, permitted to extend the terms of his present engagement to complete 12 years with the Colours.

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No. 4250526 Lce.-Cpl. J. Dolan, promoted Corporal with effect from 20/6/25, *vice* Walker reverted.

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No. 4256745 Lce.-Cpl. T. Rogers, promoted paid Lce-Corporal with effect from 20/6/25, *vice* Dolan promoted.

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The undermentioned are appointed unpaid Lance-Corporals with effect from 22/6/25:—No. 4262783 Fus. M. Shepherd; No. 4257589 Fus. A. Ingham; No. 4269454 Fus. E. Turner; No. 4260253 Fus. C. Silvester; No. 4262706 Fus. W. Hannon; No. 4263130 Fus. R. Shotton; No. 4261411 Fus. R. Bishop; No. 4262070 Fus. L. McDonald; No. 4261824 Fus. W. Lacey; No. 4260382 Fus. W. Meggs; No. 4261851 Fus. J. Smith; No. 4261608 Fus. J. Warren; No. 4263396 Fus. J. Purves; No. 4260221 Fus. S. Hawkins; No. 4262391 Fus. E. Pethick; No. 4262813 Fus. G. Humble; No. 6453961 Fus. W. Robinson; No. 4258329 Fus. C. Taylor; No. 6630121 Fus. E. Wilkes; No. 4262475 Fus. G. Hildrew; No. 4258808 Fus. S. Gooch; No. 4252719 Fus. E. Kearns; No. 4256708 Fus. J. Walker; No. 4261197 Fus. J. Emmett; No. 4261727 Fus. T. Johnson.

HILL DETACHMENT NOTES.

RANIKHET,

1st July, 1925.

Musketry and Sport have been the predominant features of our life here during the past month.

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"D" Company have topped the averages in the Depôt in both Table "R" and "L." "A" and "C" Platoons are going through now, but with the recent heavy rains and the consequent effect upon the Stop Butt a temporary halt has had to be called.

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Col. Kershaw has been through to inspect us on his biennial visit; and Col. Blake, commanding the 18th Indian Infantry Brigade, also inspected the Detachment during the month.

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In a recent shikari effort Mr. Rose succeeded in shooting a bear about twenty miles from here. He spent ten days with the 3rd Q.A.O. Gurkhas at Almora near by, and thus made an early and happy acquaintance with the Regiment he is about to join after his period of attachment with the FIFTH.

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The Fifth Fusiliers' Open Boxing Tournament, held under the patronage of Major-General C. J. Deverell, C.B., was a great success. The Team Cup, presented by Messrs. Dyer and Meakin, of the Ranikhet Brewery, for the Unit winning most fights, was won by the Detachment, with the Welch Regiment in the second place.

Lieuts. Grimley, Surtees and Jenney particularly distinguished themselves by admirable exhibitions of pluck, and, although beaten in their respective Officer Weights, gave a display which was the pride of all Fusiliers who beheld them. Mr. Grimley withstood very severe punishment from a much heavier opponent, but boxed on in true Fusilier style. That we should win the Tournament after such an incentive was the natural outcome.

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The whole show worked with great precision—so much so that we were selected to run the Inter-Unit Competition in connection with the Alma Barracks Challenge Cup.

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Again General Deverell had the pleasure of handing the Team

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CAPT. BAXTER, WITH FUS. R. HOSKER (FLY-WEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE ARMY IN INDIA) AND BDMN. T. ANDERSON (BANTAM-WEIGHT CHAMPION, EASTERN COMMAND), HOLDING RESPECTIVELY THE INTER-UNIT CUP WON BY "D" COY. AND FIFTH FUSILIERS OPEN BOXING TOURNAMENT CUP, RANIKHET, JUNE, 1925.

Boxing Cup of the event to the FIFTH. "D" Company won handsomely, with the Details of the FIFTH taking third place. A separate account of the Open Tournament and the Alma Barracks Tournament is given elsewhere.

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The Details were beaten in the final of the Cricket Competition by the Details of the Worcestershire Regiment. Having got their opponents out for 30 runs, it looked odds on a win for us, but we were dismissed for 18 and lost an exciting match.

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In the Cross Country Run the Details took fifth place, but

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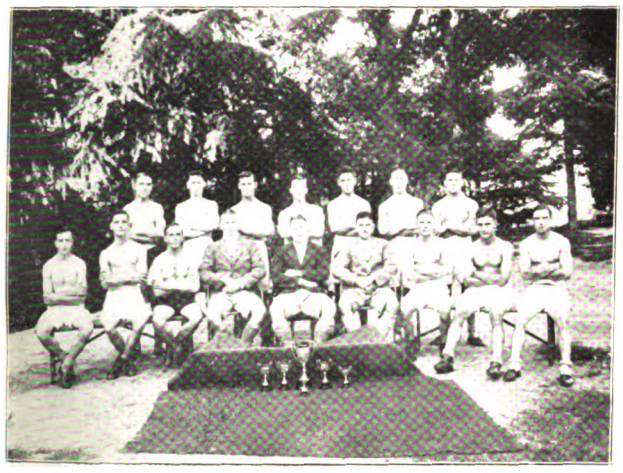
they succeeded in winning the Athletic Meeting, carrying off five out of the ten team events. Much of this success was due



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1ST HILL DETACHMENT, 2ND BN. FIFTH FUSILIERS.

WINNERS, FIFTH FUSILIERS OPEN BOXING TOURNAMENT, RANIKHET, JUNE, 1925.

Standing.—Fus. Cunningham (Winner, Welter-Weight), Lce.-Cpl. Punton, Lce.-Cpl. Palmer, Sgt. Ashton, Fus. Cross, Bdmn. Davis, Fus. Wilson.

Seated.—Fus. Dodds, Fus. H. Hawkins (Winner, Feather-Weight), Fus. Hosker, Lieut. R. S. Surtees, Lieut. E. H. D. Grimley, Lieut. W. R. Jenney, Bdmn Anderson (Winner, Bantam-Weight), Fus. J. Smith, Fus. Scotcher.

to Cpl. Dickinson, who helped himself placidly to four of the eighteen cups collected by the FIFTH in this one meeting.

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The Worcestershire Regiment, having obtained first place in three competitions—Football, Cricket and Cross Country Running—were the winners of the Alma Barracks Challenge Cup. The FIFTH, being first in Athletics and Boxing, and runners-up in the Soccer and Cricket, might have pulled it off with a little luck.

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After all our efforts we are quite rich in silver and plate. The Detachment carried off nineteen of the twenty-two cups awarded in the Inter-Unit Boxing Competition, and altogether we have won, in sporting events in Ranikhet, two team and forty-one individual cups—a very fine and imposing collection !

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The Sergeants' Billiard Team (W. O. Murdock, Sergt. Bowker, Sergt. Earle and Sergt. Merrin) were beaten in the final of the Depôt Mess Billiards Tournament by the 1st Batt. D.C.L.I. Sergt. Bowker was credited with the highest break.

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RANIKHET ATHLETIC MEETING.

100 *Yards Relay Race.*—1st, Details 5th Fusiliers (Cpl. Dickinson, Fusrs. Burns, Hay and McSweeney).

220 *Yards Relay Race.*—1st, Details 5th Fusiliers (Cpl. Dickinson, Fusrs. Burns, Hay and McSweeney).

440 *Yards Relay Race.*—1st, Details 5th Fusiliers (Cpl. Dickinson, Fusrs. Hay, Moore and Knox).

High Jump.—1st, Details 5th Fusiliers (Lce.-Cpl. Bell and Fus. McSweeney) ; 2nd, " D " Coy., 5th Fusiliers (Lce.-Cpl. Hills and Fus. G. Rutter). Winning height, 4 ft. 9 in.

Long Jump.—1st, Details 5th Fusiliers (Cpl. Dickinson, Fus. Burns). Winning length, 18 ft. 4 in.

Putting the Shot.—1st, " D " Coy., 5th Fusiliers (Fus. Hall, Fus. Brooks) ; 2nd, Details 5th Fusiliers (Cpl. Dickinson, Fus. Redford).

Relay Team (Major Event).—2nd, Details 5th Fusiliers (Cpl. Dickinson, Fusrs. Middleton, Hay and Knox).

Points for the Meeting :—

Details, 5th Fusiliers	.. .. ..	34 points.
Details, 1st Batt. Worcestershire Regt.		29 ,,
" B " Coy., 1st Worcestershire Regt.	..	21½ ,,

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RANIKHET INTER-UNIT BOXING COMPETITION.

The results, as far as they concern the FIFTH, were as follows :—

Fly-Weights (2nd Series).

Bdmn. Anderson, Details 5th Fusiliers, beat Boy Jones, 1st Batt. D.C.L.I., on points.

Fus. Hosker, " D " Coy., 5th Fusiliers, knocked out Cpl. Swallow, " D " Coy., 5th Fusiliers, in 2nd round.

Fly-Weights (Semi-finals).

Bdmn. Anderson, Details 5th Fusiliers, beat Bdmn. Moore, Details, 1st Worcestershire Regt., on points.

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" D " COY., 2ND BN. FIFTH FUSILIERS.

WINNERS INTER-UNIT BOXING TOURNAMENT, RANIKHET, JUNE, 1925.

Standing.—Fus. W. Matthews, Fus. E. Rutter, Fus. G. Cross, Fus. J. Smith, Fus. A. Brooks (Winner, Middle-Weight), Cpl. J. Swallow.

Seated.—Fus. J. Cunningham, Fus. G. Rowntree, Fus. R. Hosker, C.S.M. E. Beck, M.M., Capt. E. H. Baxter, Lieut. R. S. Surtees, Fus. E. Hall, Lce.-Cpl. R. Hill, Sgt. J. Ashton (Winner, Feather-Weight).

Fus. Hosker, " D " Coy., 5th Fusiliers, W.O., Bdmn. Beach, Details, 1st Worcestershire Regt., scratched.

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Fly-Weights (Final).

Bdmn. Anderson, Details 5th Fusiliers, beat Fus. Hosker, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, after extra round.

Bantam-Weight (1st Series).

Lce.-Cpl. Hill, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, beat Pte. Hart, "B" Coy., 1st Worcestershire Regt., on points.

Fus. Clarke, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, knocked out Pte. O'Reilly, "C" Coy., 1st Batt. D.C.L.I., in second round.

Boy Fanning, Details 1st Worcestershire Regt., beat a/Bdmn. Brown, Details 5th Fusiliers, on points.

Bantam-Weights (2nd Series).

Lce.-Cpl. Hill, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, beat Pte. Little, "C" Coy., 1st Batt. D.C.L.I., on points.

Fus. Clarke, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, knocked out Boy Fanning, Details 1st Worcestershire Regt., in second round.

Lce.-Cpl. Shaw, Details, 1st Worcestershire Regt., beat a/Bdmn. Martin, Details 5th Fusiliers, on points.

Bantam-Weights (Semi-final).

Fus. Clarke, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, beat Lce.-Cpl. Hill, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, on points.

Bantam-Weights (Final).

Lce.-Cpl. Shant, "B" Coy., 1st Worcestershire Regt., beat Fus. Clarke, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, on points.

Feather-Weights (1st Series).

Fus. McRae, Details 5th Fusiliers, beat Pte. Payne, "B" Coy., 1st Worcestershire Regt., on points.

Fus. Hawkins, Details 5th Fusiliers, beat Bdmn. Kidby, Details 1st Worcestershire Regt., on points.

Fus. Hall, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, beat Pte. Coombey, Details 1st Worcestershire Regt., on points.

Sergt. Ashton, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, W.O., Pte. McCubbin, Details 1st Worcestershire Regt., scratched.

Feather-Weights (Semi-finals).

Fus. Hawkins, Details 5th Fusiliers, beat Fus. McRea, Details 5th Fusiliers, on points.

Sergt. Ashton, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, W.O., Fus. Hall, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, scratched on medical grounds.

Feather-Weights (Final).

Sergt. Ashton, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, beat Fus. Hawkins, Details 5th Fusiliers, on points.

Light-Weights (1st Series).

Cpl. Moran, Details 5th Fusiliers, knocked out Bdmn. Price, Details 1st Worcestershire Regt., in second round.

Fus. Cross, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, knocked out Fus. Mathews, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, in second round.

Light-Weights (2nd Series).

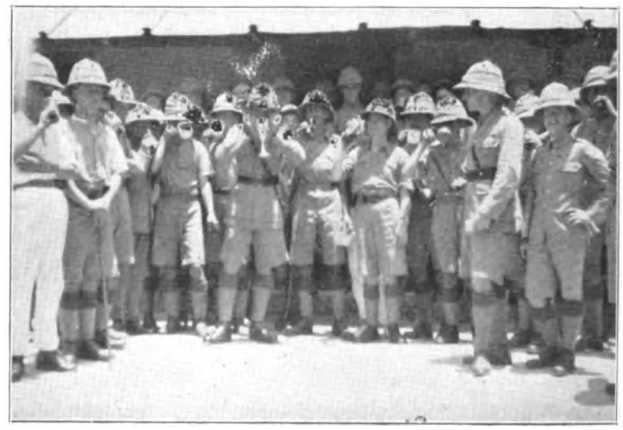
Cpl. Moran, Details 5th Fusiliers, knocked out Pte. Slater, "D" Coy., 1st Batt. D.C.L.I., in the first round.

Fus. Cross, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, knocked out Pte. Eddels, "B" Coy., 1st Worcestershire Regt., in the second round.

Pte. Law, Details 1st Batt. D.C.L.I., knocked out Pte. Greenwood, Details 5th Fusiliers, in the first round.

Light-Weights (Semi-finals).

Cpl. Moran, Details 5th Fusiliers, beat Fus. Cross, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, on points.



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CELEBRATING THE WINNING OF THE OPEN TOURNAMENT BOXING CUP, OUTSIDE THE WET CANTEEN, 1ST HILL DETACHMENT, JUNE, 1925.

Light-Weights (Final).

Cpl. Moran, Details 5th Fusiliers, knocked out Pte. Law, 1st Batt. D.C.L.I., in the first round.

Welter-Weights (1st Series).

Cpl. Thomas, "B" Coy., 1st Worcestershire Regt., beat Fus. Wilson, Details 5th Fusiliers, on points.

Pte. Rose, "B" Coy., 1st Worcestershire Regt., knocked out Dr. Bennett, Details 5th Fusiliers, in the third round.

Fus. Cunningham, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, knocked out Pte. Ginders, Details 1st D.C.L.I., in the second round.

Welter-Weights (2nd Series).

Fus. Cunningham, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, beat Fus. Smith, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, on points.

Welter-Weights (Semi-finals).

Cpl. Thomas, "B" Coy., 1st Worcestershire Regt., beat Fus. Cunningham, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, on points.

Middle-Weights (1st Series).

Fus. Rowntree, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, knocked out Lce.-Cpl. Ward, Details 1st D.C.L.I., in the second round.

Fus. Brooks, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, knocked out Fus. Killeen, Details 5th Fusiliers, in the second round.

Middle-Weights (2nd Series).

Siglm. Clayton, "E" Div. Sigs., knocked out Fus. Rowntree, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, in the first round.

Fus. Brooks, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, beat Pte. Field, Details 1st D.C.L.I., on points.

Pte. Pearce, "B" Coy., 1st Worcestershire Regt., beat Fus. Graham, Details 5th Fusiliers, on points.

Middle-Weights (Semi-finals).

Fus. Brooks, "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, beat Siglm. Clayton, "E" Div. Sigs., on points.

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Middle-Weights (Final).

Fus. Brooks, " D " Coy., 5th Fusiliers, beat Pte. Whitehouse, " B " Coy., 1st Worcestershire Regt., after extra round.

Heavy-Weights (1st Series).

Bdsmn. Bayliss, Details 1st Worcestershire Regt., knocked out Fus. Gray, " D " Coy., 5th Fusiliers, in second round.

Lce.-Cpl. Jackson, " B " Coy., 1st Worcestershire Regt., beat Fus. Rutter, " D " Coy., 5th Fusiliers, on points.

Order of Teams :—

" D " Coy., 5th Fusiliers	.. ..	58 points.
" B " Coy., 1st Worcestershire Regt.	..	47 ,,
Details 5th Fusiliers	.. .. ..	37 ,,
Details 1st Worcestershire Regt.	..	34 ,,
Details 1st D.C.L.I.	.. .. ..	27 ,,
" C " Coy., 1st D.C.L.I.	.. .. ..	19 ,,
" E " Div. Signals	.. .. ..	11 ,,

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DESCRIPTION OF FINALS.

Fly-Weights.

Fus. Hosker, " D " Coy., 5th Fusiliers, *versus* Bdsmn. Anderson, Details 5th Fusiliers.

Hosker landed several lightning hooks to the head. Anderson replied with a straight left. It was a pretty round, with Hosker ahead on points.

Hosker sent two hard rights to the jaw in the second round, but Anderson was persistent and scored at close quarters—an even round.

Anderson used his left to advantage in the third round. Hosker did not land so frequently. Anderson scored again with a rapid half-arm blow at close quarters and appeared to be ahead in this round, but the exchanges were so fast that only the most careful eye could detect the points.

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" D " COY. N.C.O.'S.

BAYONET TRAINING SQUAD.

Top.—Lce.-Cpl. Hill, Cpl. McPhie, Cpl. Phillips, Lce.-Cpl. Stephens, Cpl. Hills.

Bottom.—Lce.-Cpl. Millar, Lce.-Cpl. Cross, Lce.-Cpl. Palmer, Lce.-Cpl. McNichol, Cpl. Swallow

In the extra round Hosker appeared to slow down, and Anderson won a running fight.

Bantam-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Shaw, " B " Coy., 1st Worcestershire Regt., *versus* Fus. Clarke, " D " Coy., 5th Fusiliers.

Clarke lost this fight on points. There was a terrific amount of hard hitting, but, as in the Open Tournament, Clarke proved himself capable of taking heavy punishment. He used his left to advantage in this fight, and dealt out heavy punishment. Shaw, however, boxed well with both hands and won easily at the finish.

Feather-Weights.

Sergt. Ashton, " D " Coy., 5th Fusiliers, *versus* Fus. Hawkins, Details 5th Fusiliers.

A keen fight, full of good boxing and clean hitting. A close contest. Ashton got the verdict.

Light-Weights.

Cpl. Moran, Details 5th Fusiliers, *versus* Pte. Law, Details 1st D.C.L.I.

Moran hooked Law to the chin with the right in the first few seconds, and Law was counted out.

Middle-Weights.

Fus. Brooks, " D " Coy., 5th Fusiliers, *versus* Pte. Whitehouse, " B " Coy., 1st Worcestershire Regt.

Brooks had just survived a hard fight in the semi-final, in which he fought a man who appeared to be six inches taller and a stone heavier in weight. He was still strong, however, and fought his opponent in fierce style, sending hard jabs to the stomach with both hands. Whitehouse was mostly on the defensive, but landed a number of smart lefts to the head. An extra round was ordered. Brooks boxed in this round and, landing frequently in all parts of the body, was a good winner on points.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN,

23rd August, 1925.

We started the month well, with a thoroughly successful Battalion Rifle Meeting at Ponteland, on 3rd August (Bank Holiday). This was the first Battalion Meeting which has been held since the war, and in future it will be an annual affair.

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We were fortunate in having a fine day, and the numbers who competed and the general keenness displayed were most encouraging.

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The following Officers were present at the range :—Lieut.-Col. C. O. P. Gibson, M.C. (Chief Umpire) ; Capt. W. Watson, M.C. (Chief Range Officer) ; Lieut.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O. ; Capts. Bradley, Wood, Clarke, Peacock ; Messrs. Gibson, McLellan, Clarke, Fleming and A. S. Todd ; and the Adjutant, Major K. G. Williams, O.B.E.

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The prize-winners are given below :—

Ponteland Challenge Cup. (Best shot in the Battalion.)

	Score.
1st and gold medal—No. 4258716 C.Q.M.S. Sparrow	97
2nd and silver medal—No. 4259289 Cpl. Turner ..	97
3rd and bronze medal—No. 4261280 Sergt. Campbell	94
Special Prize for Permanent Staff—No. 0447034 C.S.M. West	97

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The Stewart Bronze. (Best recruit shot in the Battalion.)

1st and gold medal—No. 4264449 Fus. McTeer	..	60
2nd and silver medal—No. 4264511 Fus. Smiles	..	54
3rd and bronze medal—No. 4264299 Fus. Renwick		41

Inter-Company Challenge Bowl (and 8 silver spoons).

Won by " Y " Company (Haltwhistle).

Team.—Lieut. J. Clark, Sergt. Nixon, Cpl. Towler, Fus. Liddel, Fus. Dinning, Fus. Lamb, Fus. Brown, Fus. Cowing.

The Field Firing Cup (and 5 miniature replicas).

Won by " W " Company (Scotswood).

Team.—Lieut. W. M. Gibson, M.C., C.Q.M.S. Sparrow, Fus. J. A. Brooks, Fus. D. Brooks, Fus. McTeer.

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The standard of shooting was not at all a high one, and we have got to concentrate during 1926 on Musketry, Musketry, Musketry, if we are to become anything like a good shooting battalion.

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At present there are a number among us who couldn't be relied upon to hit the proverbial haystack !

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We hope that the Annual Battalion Rifle Meeting, the scope of which will be improved each year, will have the effect of promoting real enthusiasm amongst all ranks of the Battalion, and especially the young entry.

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We cannot rest content with one " sparrow." We want flocks of them, so that there may be some real competition for the Ponteland Challenge Cup next year.

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We regret to learn that our Brigadier (Col. H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O.) has been on the sick list, and wish him a speedy recovery.

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Sergt. Rollingson has also been " out of action " for a few days, but has now returned to the Orderly Room, looking all the better for a few days' rest.

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The new billiard tables at Newburn and Prudhoe are proving very popular, and so far both cloths remain intact ! !

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We are making a great effort to get the Bounties paid out as early as possible this year, and do not propose to await the completion of their training by the laggard few before paying out the Bounties to those who have earned them.

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We wonder when the Mess Committee are really going to open up the Officers' Mess at Newburn. At present the only means of quenching one's thirst are

(*a*) the water taps (h. and c.) ;

and (*b*) to " borrow " from the Sergeants' Mess.

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Since our last notes were penned, the Annual Inspection has gone by. So far nothing further has been heard, so that we are hoping that " no news is good news."

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The result of the Sergeants' Annual Shoot was as follows :—

Sergt. Stamp	..	1st	with a score of	44
C.S.M. McTeer	..	2nd	,, ,,	43
C.Q.M.S. Sparrow		3rd	,, ,,	42
Sergt. Cross	..	4th	,, ,,	41
R.S.M. Clarke	..	5th	,, ,,	40
Sergt. Campbell	..	6th	,, ,,	38
Sergt. Lippett	..	7th	,, ,,	35
R.Q.M.S. Connell		8th	,, ,,	28
C.S.M. Stuart	..	9th	,, ,,	27

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Congratulations to R.S.M. Clarke on winning the Billiard Handicap. (It has been whispered round the Mess he is going to retire on the prize-money.)

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On the 9th inst. the Annual Trip was held. Our thanks are due to C.S.M. Stuart and his Committee for selecting a fine day, and also for the arrangements, which were perfect. A very enjoyable day was spent.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

We have not a great deal of news to record this month, our brains having been more or less exhausted over our contributions in the last issue.

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In the T.A., August seems to be our " off month " ; like most other activities, this is the holiday time, when the lucky ones are able to go away and recuperate from the effects of the strenuous annual fortnight in camp.

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At this time of the year there may be seen silent forms slinking around the drill hall, creating a sort of atmosphere of want. One simply daren't go near the drill hall with a bag or attache case, without being followed and tracked down by a large and mysterious crowd which seemingly springs up from nowhere.

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May the bounties come quickly and relieve the tension.

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At the present time an awful rumour is in circulation to the effect that C.Q.M.S. Brown is being initiated into the ways of Love. For the sake of " X " Company, we hope that this is not so.

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The only bright spot in our military lives recently was the Battalion Rifle Meeting at Ponteland on 3rd August, and this detachment is very pleased with its achievements thereat.

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Congratulations to " W " Company on winning the Cup for the field firing event. Mr. Gibson, C.Q.M.S. Sparrow, Lce.-Cpl. Graham, Fusrs. Perry and Bullerwell comprised the winning team.

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Mr. A. S. Todd made the highest recruit score, but owing to some previous service the " Stewart Bronze " went to Fus. McTeer of " W " Company, who made the next highest score.

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For the moment, we can't quite remember whether or not

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C.S.M. McTeer is a crack shot, but if so, then apparently Fus. McTeer is a "chip of the old Block."

OFFICIAL GUIDE TO NEWBURN MILITARY ACADEMY.

Interest in our recent advertisement has been so evident that we think some handbook for the benefit of our patrons has become necessary. We publish this with all due apologies to the architects in the Regiment, and feel that they could make a much better job of it.

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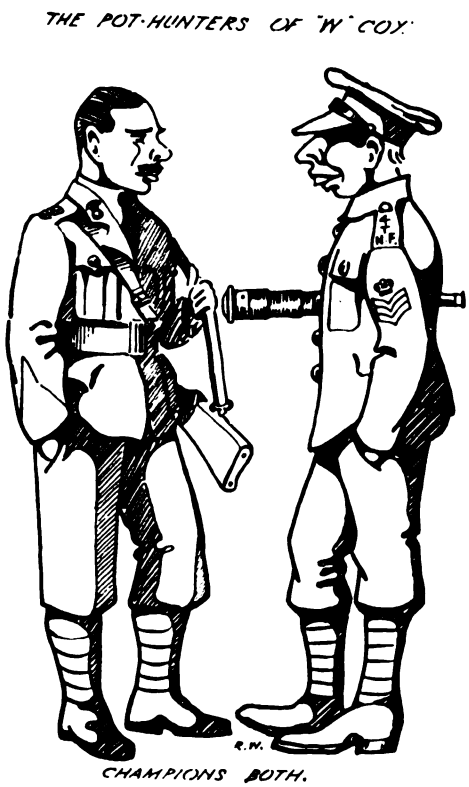
No visitor to the pretty little hamlet of Newburn, nestling



at the foot of Spencer's steelworks, whose mighty towers, like a section in line, raise themselves towards the sky, and washed by the crystal clear waters of the Tyne at Ryton, should miss a visit to the new premises of Newburn Military Academy.

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A broad approach, paved with the best quality of metal with an admixture of cinder, flanked by flowering allotment gardens, stretches from the Police Station to the steps of the edifice.

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On looking up, the visitor's eye is immediately attracted to some mystic symbols engraved in the stone, "N.F." No-one as yet has been able to decipher them. It has been suggested that they stand for some regiment, but Major KW-LL-MS, an authority on all subjects military, knows no regiment of that designation.

One notices two gates. Stuart, or main gate, so called as it is through this gate that C.S.M. Stuart throws out undesirables. The second, or Wagon Gate, so called as it is handy for the emitting of motor cars, surmounting the R.S.M.'s residence above the gateway, from the windows of which we can imagine him pouring melted lead or boiling petroleum jelly on the heads of any enemy attempting an assault, is seen the flagstaff on which standards are hoisted on rare occasions, such as "W" Coy. winning something or bounties being paid out.

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On entering the portico, one is confronted by a large expanse of floor. Numerous doors lead off to rooms in all directions. Let us take a peep into the one on the right. On entering, our nostrils are greeted by a hospitable odour. The room is full, we notice, of gentlemen partaking of refreshment. Can it be that they are drinking beer? Yes, it can! We surmise this is the Sergeants' Mess, and we are right. A large gentleman, answering to the name of "Tommy," mending the wireless, with a chisel in one hand and serving refreshments with his other, appears to be in great demand.

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On entering the next room, if we can, for the commendable effort of the authorities to fit a large-sized billiard-room into a small-sized apartment, while leaving no room for complaint, also leaves very little for any more violent exercise, we immediately notice there is very ample communication through a trap to the bar next door. Our guide assures us that facilities for the provision of refreshments are a feature of the whole building.

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Visitors will have great difficulty in entering the next room, with cryptic letters on the door, "Q.M.S." A guide will inform us that this is the holy of holies, and whatever enters here can never on any account be got out again.

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Turning back, we cross the floor, we ascend the old oak staircase, and find ourselves on the balcony. The view of the rafters seen in vanishing perspective gives us a thrill.

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Peeping in at the first door, we are impressed. Business seems stamped all over the room, even extending to the walls, which are covered from floor to ceiling with an immense accumulation of documents. Business, as we said before, seems to be in the atmosphere. We look round expecting to find on the walls such texts as "This is our busy day," "Work—time flies," etc., but we do not find them. They are evidently not necessary. "Who is that sturdy figure sitting at the table in the corner? Can it be the Sergeant-Major?" "Yes, it is." We tremble, those of us who met Sergeant-Majors in less happy days. Our Guide puts us at ease, explaining in an aside that this one is only dangerous when looking over "W" Company's Pay Sheets. Fervently hoping that "W" Company's Pay Sheets are away at the Paymaster's, we look again. A gentleman is seen engaged over a typewriter, but he does not even look up. He is too busy sending out five pages of typescript to "All" Officers."

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The next room reveals itself as the best yet. Furnished in the late Jacobean style. A desk catches the eye. My word, we think, "What a lot of pens and pencils!" The occupier of that desk, we think, must have laid down the sword to pick up the pens. What a lot of work he must do to need all those!

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A large wastepaper basket is noticeable. Wording on some of its contents catches the eye—"To Adjt., 4th Northd. Fus." "With reference to our recent request for detention allowance," etc., etc.

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A large cupboard stands in the corner crammed with documents. What secrets does it hold! what tactical schemes! what indents! what returns!

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We realise we are at the centre of the web, the hub of the 4th Battalion.

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We do not linger long, as we know from unhappy experience of orderly rooms that the best thing to do when one gets into one is to get out as quickly as possible.

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At the door of the next room, marked "Officers," we are blinded by the display of silver. Cups of all sorts fill every corner, and as we are standing there, yet another is brought to swell the company, by a gentleman wiping his lips and carrying a peep sight. If you have a good guide he will indicate that refreshment can be provided in this room. We feel that this is the best room of the lot. Again we are impressed with the convenience of the small window communicating with the bar. The visitor is advised to make an examination of this room in detail, and as closing time is not rigidly 10 o'clock he will find as he is assisted home that the examination and inspection of military buildings is anything but dry.

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

August, 1925.

The rifle shooting of our Company continues to improve, and after our victory on Whit-Monday in the Lambton Cup Competition we are pleased to be able to record our winning of the Inter-Company Challenge Cup at Ponteland on August Bank Holiday.

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This is the first year that we have been able to take part in a Battalion rifle meeting, and we are pleased that ours will be the first name on this splendid trophy.

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We regret to have to record the death of the father of C.S.M. Pears, and our sincere sympathy is extended to him in this sad bereavement.

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Our drill season has at last definitely closed, everybody now having completed the necessary number of drills and fired their musketry.

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We are much later this year than usual, owing to the large number of recruits we enlisted immediately before going to camp.

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Our bounties are the next thing we have to look forward to—but if rumours can be believed, we hear that most of them have already been mortgaged.

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Our Company (Annual) Dance has been provisionally fixed for 6th November, so we hope all our numerous friends will note the date and endeavour to come to Haltwhistle for that night.

At last the contract for our local War Memorial has been signed, and we understand it will be unveiled on St. George's Day next year. It looks as though we are to have a real opportunity of displaying our zeal and smartness in our own village at last.

5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,
August, 1925.

Once again we are very nearly into the "slack" season—in fact, as far as most of the Battalion is concerned, we are in it.

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That "hive of industry," the Orderly Room, appears to be busy with Musketry Annuals, and what-not, otherwise there is little "movement" noticeable.

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We are glad to see that the "powers-that-be" think we have made some progress since last year. We thought so ourselves, but we always like our biassed opinion corroborated.

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A little "movement" will be noticed on the 30th August and the 5th September, as on the former date we hold the Annual Rifle Meeting at Ponteland, and on the latter date there is the Sports Meeting, more of which anon.

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Our Adjutant has returned from a Qualifying Course at Hythe—we very nearly said Folkestone, too, but there is no need for him to qualify there, we think! We believe he did qualify at Hythe.

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The Commanding Officer is shortly going down to view the Army Manœuvres; we shall look forward to his criticisms with interest.

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It is hoped there will be more of interest to record next month, there is a deplorable lack of "material" this month.

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
25th August, 1925.

Since our last notes the only matter of importance to record is the Annual Sports, which were held on Saturday, the 11th July, on the Territorial Brigade Ground at Byker. The day was fine, and there was a very good turn out of officers, warrant officers and men and their wives and families.

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The Sports Cup was won by "B" Company, with a total of 73 points, "A" Company being second with 69.

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An interesting innovation was an Open Relay Race for Garrison troops, which was won by the first team of the 5th Fusiliers Depôt somewhat easily. The 4th Battalion N.F. were second.

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The following are the details of the events:—

100 *Yards*.—1, 2nd-Lieut. Gardner, "B" Coy.; 2, Fus. Hull, "B" Coy.; 3, Fus. Hugh, "C" Coy.

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Half-Mile.—1, Cpl. Fife, "A" Coy.; 2, Lieut. Challoner, "A" Coy.; 3, Lieut. Gardner, "B" Coy.

Hurdles.—1, 2nd-Lieut. France, "C" Coy.; 2, Lieut. Challoner, "A" Coy.; 3, Fus. Latimer, "D" Coy.

Sack Race.—1, Fus. Hugh, "C" Coy.; 2, Fus. Latimer, "D" Coy.

Quarter-Mile.—1, Lieut. Challoner, "A" Coy.; 2, Cpl. Fife, "A" Coy.; 3, Fus. C. F. Smith, "B" Coy.

Open Relay.—1, Depôt, 5th Fusiliers; 2, 4th Bn. N.F.

Pillow Fight.—1, Fus. Ridley, "A" Coy.; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Bowman, H.Q. Coy.

High Jump.—1, Fus. Latimer, "D" Coy.; 2, Lieut. Challoner, "A" Coy.; 3, Lieut. Rutherford, "B" Coy.

One Mile.—1, Cpl. Fife, "A" Coy.; 2, Lieut. Challoner, "A" Coy.; 3, Fus. Ellison, "C" Coy.

Ladies' Potato Race.—1, Mrs. Walton; 2, Mrs. Swearman; 3, Mrs. MacKie.

Obstacle Race.—1, Fus. Weatherstone, "A" Coy.; 2, Fus. Leonard, "C" Coy.; 3, Fus. Ellison, "C" Coy.

220 Yards.—1, Fus. Hull, "B" Coy.; 2, Lieut. Rutherford, "B" Coy.; 3, 2nd-Lieut. Gardner, "B" Coy.

Tug-of-War.—1, "C" Coy.; 2, H.Q. Coy.

Long Jump.—1, Lieut. Challoner, "A" Coy.; 2, Lieut. Rutherford, "B" Coy.; 3, Fus. Hugh, "C" Coy.

Girls' Race.—1, Kate Robinson; 2, Ada Simpson; 3, Marion Regan.

Boys' Race.—1, George Henderson; 2, William McFadden; 3, Frank Craig.

Company Relay Race.—1, "A" Coy.; 2, "C" Coy.; 3, "B" Coy.

Band Race.—1, Fus. Kelly; 2, Fus. Badger.

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During the course of the afternoon a programme of music was played by the Battalion Band, under the direction of Bandmaster W. A. Crosse, and at the conclusion of the sports the prizes were kindly given away by Mrs. Rogers.

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The Officers' Shooting Competition took place on Sunday, 26th July, 1925, and was won by Lieut. H. E. Wilson.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,

25th August, 1925.

The Brigade Commander, Col. H. H. S. Morant, conducted his annual inspection at Headquarters towards the end of last month.

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Capt. F. D. Mackay passed the examination in weapon training at the Depôt last month, and is to be congratulated on his promotion being gazetted as substantive.

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Capt. D. C. McCreath, M.C., underwent an operation for appendicitis this month, and is, we are glad to hear, making good progress. In consequence, to his great disappointment, he was unable to attend the three months' machine gun course at Netheravon.

Sergt.-Instr. W. C. Loder is at present attending this course.

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The Territorial Army Cadet Brigade, which visited the Belgian battlefields at the beginning of this month included Major H. R. Smail and parties from the 5th Cadet Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers and Armstrong Whitworth Northd. Fusiliers Cadets, which are attached to the 7th and 5th Battalions respectively. The tour included visits to Waterloo, Zeebrugge and Ypres, the Brigade being accommodated during its week's stay in the Caserne des Grenadiers, Brussels. The tour concluded with an inspection by H.M. the King of the Belgians. Major Smail, as last year at Verdun, commanded "D" Company, Southern Cadet Battalion, and was the Company Officer selected for the honour of presentation to His Majesty. During the tour three officers of the Battalion visited the Brigade—Capt. E. H. Watson at Zeebrugge, and Capt. S. P. Brooke-Booth, M.C., and Mr. M. Brooke-Booth on departure from Ostend.

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Cpl. G. Ross, Depôt, Northd. Fusiliers, a member of Elswick Harriers, won the mile handicap in great style at Scremerston Sports on Saturday, 22nd August. This N.C.O. was a member of the successful boxing team from the Depôt, which competed at Berwick recently. It is proposed to have, we understand, an Inter-Depôt contest between the Fusiliers, D.L.I., and K.O.S.B. recruits, at Newcastle next month, in return for the interesting tournament organised by the Depôt, K.O.S.B. and our Berwick Detachment in June.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD.

August, 1925.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924. 10/- each.

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At a recent Empire meeting at Ottawa, at which the subject of Empire Settlement was being discussed, Major-General Sir Andrew Russell, the New Zealand delegate, said (as reported in *The Times*):

> "Northumberland has been chosen as the first source of settlers for Australia, because that county had the best men and women and the finest *esprit de corps*."

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No doubt Sir Andrew based his opinion upon his observation of the FIFTH during the war. Anyhow it may be of interest to ex-Fusiliers to know that the fact of their having belonged to the Regiment will be counted to their gain if they should contemplate settling in any one of our oversea Colonies.

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

Mrs. Bray (2nd Bn.)
Major-Gen. F. L. Festing, C.M.G.
Mrs. Hartford (2nd Batt.)
The Editor, "Memories"
Lt.-Col. H. W. Warwick

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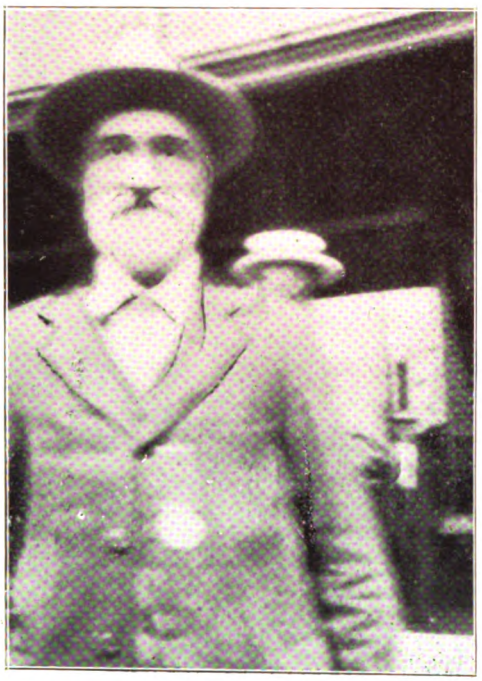
The accompanying photograph is of Mr. Walter Smith, late 5th Fusiliers (Regtl. No. 402). It was taken by Mr. R. Lees



PTE. WALTER SMITH, AFGHAN VETERAN, FIFTH FUSILIERS, BYRON, ONTARIO, CANADA.

during a trip on the C.P.R., Canada, at a town called London in that dominion.

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Mr. Lees also met another old 5th Fusilier during his tour, in the person of C.S.M. H. Peel (No. 248), who is now a resident at Ladysmith, Vancouver. Both these veterans sent a year's subscription to the *Gazette* through Mr. Lees.

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Subscriptions due in September :—

Messrs. Gale and Polden
Major Phillips
Capt. H. C. Attwater
Lieut. P. H. Earle
Lieut. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C.
Capt. J. H. Hogshaw
Lieut. A. J. R. Piggott
Lieut. B. T. C. Pringle
Capt. P. Parmeter

MEMORIAL CHAPEL IN FLANDERS.

Field-Marshal the Earl of Ypres died on the 22nd of May, and the sorrow and gratitude which found expression then make us confident that an appeal for a National Memorial to be erected to his memory would meet with a ready response.

It appears to us that the late Field-Marshal's own ideas and wishes should be our guide as far as possible as to the form the Memorial should take. There seems to be a clear indication of this in the speech he made at Ypres last year on the 4th of August, the tenth anniversary of the opening of hostilities.

He referred then to one pious and patriotic work that remained to be done, in that there was no English Church for the many pilgrims that came from Home and Overseas to visit the places where our dead soldiers have been laid to rest.

In this speech he showed his great solicitude for the welfare of relatives and descendants of the fallen.

What better place could be chosen in which to set up his Memorial than the ancient town of Ypres, which by his foresight, his strategy, and his dogged resolution he saved?

For the Memorial to be a national one it is essential all should be able to join, and we propose the erection of an Army Chapel to which all can go irrespective of Denomination.

The authorities at Ypres have generously offered us a site on the ramparts close to the Lille Gate. The site is ideal from every point. It is easy of access to visitors, and it has the further advantage of being close to the famous Rampart Cemetery, and though the cost of the foundations will be heavy owing to the subsidence caused by shell-fire, etc., the position is so good that every effort should be made to utilise it.

With our Memorial to the Missing (in which 60,000 names are being inscribed) at the Menin Gate, and the Memorial to our great Field-Marshal Commander-in-Chief at the Lille Gate, future generations will be made to realise the importance of the town of Ypres and the Ypres Salient, where a quarter of a million of their forefathers gave their lives for King and Country.

We have deemed it expedient to submit the above scheme to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and his reply to Lord Plumer seems to sum up the matter so admirably that we, with his permission, publish his reply *in extenso* :

> " The draft you have prepared for the appeal on August 4th commends itself to me as being pointed and effective. There is appropriateness in connecting the scheme with the name of Lord Ypres, who made vigorous appeal for our commemorating in this way the heroes of the Ypres Salient in the Great War.
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> " This military association further makes it fitting that the Church erected should have the character belonging to our Garrison Churches, including its being available under proper regulations for use by different denominations, if such use is desired.
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> " It is possible that this may not commend itself to all our friends, but to me it seems suitable and right. I trust that your appeal may be abundantly successful."

Cheques can be paid direct to the Ypres Memorial Church Fund at Lloyds Bank, 6, Pall Mall, London, S.W. 1, or to the Honorary Secretary, Col. F. G. Poole, 9, Baker Street, London.

PLUMER, *F.M.*
W. P. PULTENEY,
Lieut.-General.

HOW SOLDIERS ARE HELPING THEIR PARENTS.

The latest returns from recruiting centres in all parts of the country show that more than 2,000 men who have enlisted in the Regular Army during the past three months have made allotments from their pay to parents or other dependents, and that the number of recruits availing themselves of the privilege of making such allotments is steadily increasing. The money in each case is sent home weekly through the Regimental Paymaster; and the recruit, having once named the amount which he wishes to be remitted, has no further trouble in the matter.

So great has been the appreciation of this arrangement, especially on the part of new recruits who have been accustomed to contribute to the support of their parents, that the Army Council has decided to extend the privilege to all unmarried soldiers, and married soldiers who are not entitled to marriage allowance, whether they be serving at home or abroad.

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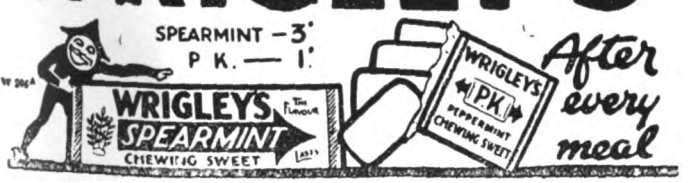

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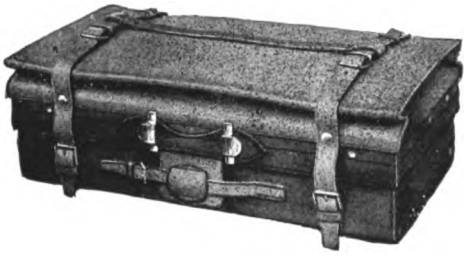

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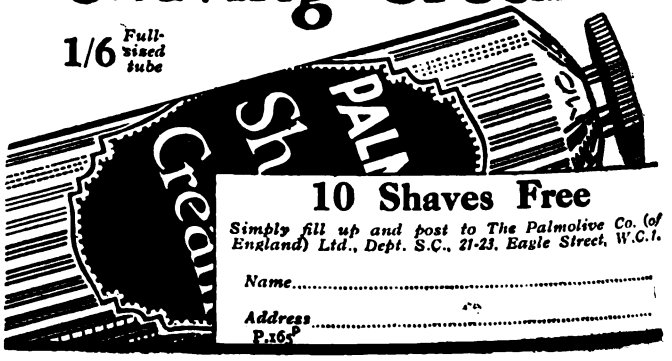

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SERVICE SPORTS.

POLO.

Inter-Regimental Tournament.

The 17th/21st Lancers maintained their position as the champions of the British Army by defeating the 14th/20th Hussars in the finals of the Inter-Regimental Tournament by 7 goals to 2. It was not a very inspiring game, nor, according to those who have witnessed many such contests in the past, did the standard of polo compare very favourably with that of former years. It certainly lacked the smoothness and polish which one might expect from really well-drilled soldier teams. Major Lockett and Col. Herndall gave us flashes of individual brilliancy, which we only considered our due from players of international standing, but the main impression left upon the mind was a certain rough and readiness—or absence of the true artistic touch.

Field-Marshal H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, who watched the game from the Royal Box, presented the Cup to the winning side.

Subalterns' Gold Cup.

The 17th/21st Lancers also won the Subalterns' Gold Cup. A very convincing win, in which the 12th Royal Lancers lost by the large margin of 6 goals to 1.

Subalterns' Handicap Cup.

The final between the Life Guards and the 14th/20th Hussars, for the Subalterns' Handicap Cup, resulted in a win for the Hussars. They had a goal start on the handicap, then romped away to win by 9 goals to 3.

Bordon Daly Cup.

The Essex Regiment retained the Bordon Daly Cup at Bordon, Hants, for the third year in succession, defeating the 25th Field Brigade in the final by 8 goals to 1.

CRICKET.

Army v. Navy.

The Services Match at Lord's ended in an easy victory for the Army by an innings and 119 runs. Scores: Army 374 for 7 wickets (declared), Navy 119 and 136. Both Capt. Williams and Lieut. Hudson scored centuries—106 and 110 respectively. Mr. Hudson was most unfortunate to be run out when so well set. Lieut. G. J. Bryan, the Kent cricketer, was responsible for a sturdy 62. Undoubtedly Lieut. A. Gore was the most effective bowler, securing 8 for 46 in the first innings. In the second, although maintaining an excellent length, he could only find one victim for 14 runs. Major Brookes bowled well for the Navy, with 4 for 114; and to Lieut. A. Cadell goes the credit of top score, with 32 in the second innings.

SHOOTING.

United Service Challenge Cup.

At Bisley. Victory in this match brings with it the Championship of the British Forces—as distinct from the Indian and Colonial Forces—and the Navy, Marines, Air Forces and Territorials were all eager to depose the Regular Army from the position of proud pre-eminence that they have occupied for the past two years. But it was not to be: once more the Army were the winners, but they had to fight hard for their success.

The most remarkable feature of the match was not its result. For the first time a competitor, Sergt. Barrett, of the Marines, scored full points in the "fire with movement" practice, the last of the four practices that constitute the test. The other three are "rapid," "snap" and "deliberate," as in the "Queen Mary," but the fourth is the most difficult because the riflemen have to double between each firing point from 600 to 100 yards, firing prone, kneeling and standing. Sergt. Barrett's exploit will not soon be forgotten. The Army put together a score 59 points greater than they did last year, which was just as well, for to-day the Navy were only 45 points behind them.

Individual Championship.

The Army Individual Rifle Championship was won by Capt. G. B. Champion, 1st Manchester Regt., a battalion now serving on the Rhine. He is thus the winner of the Watkin Cup and the Gold Jewel, his score being 362 points. Lieut. E. Cass, 1st K.O.Y.L.I., won the Silver Jewel for second place with 345 points.

Army Revolver Cup.

C.S.M.I. Churcher, S.A.S., won the Army Revolver Cup with 164 points. Lieut. F. King-Salter, 2nd Rifle Brigade, was a close second, only 1 point in arrears.

LAWN TENNIS.

Army and Air Force Championships.

The Army and Air Force Championships took place at Queen's Club, Barons Court, a week of brilliant sunshine gracing the meeting. As expected, Captain H. S. L. Barclay, Indian Signal Corps, the International player who was in the last eight at Wimbledon this year, won the singles, disposing the former holder, Capt. H. King, R.E., in the final, but not before his opponent had taken a set from him on merit. Capt. Barclay also won the doubles in partnership with Major W. Condon, 13th Frontier Force Regt. Sergt. Townsend, R.E., retained the Other Ranks Singles Championship, also securing the Doubles with a fellow Corpsman as his partner, Q.M.S. Schlesinger. So once again the R.E.'s have had a very successful season at Queen's Club.

Flight-Lieut. O. Roupell added another leg to the Air Force Singles Trophy, winning through in comparatively easy fashion.

MARTIAL MUSIC: THE STORY OF OUR MILITARY BANDS.

By R. MAURICE HILL.

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The great Military Tattoo which is being staged at the Wembley Stadium during August and September, has aroused a good deal of public interest in the bands of the British Army.

It is a well-known fact that from the very earliest times the fighting men of all nations have been inspired by the strains of various kinds of music. The Bible contains many references to the trumpet, which was one of the earliest forms of musical instrument to be put to a warlike use; and we know that it was also in general use among the Roman legions, who were probably the first soldiers to make use of a set of trumpet-calls, each with a definite meaning, applicable to the various needs of military discipline.

Many people will doubtless be surprised to learn that the military band, as we understand the term to-day, is of comparatively recent origin. The drum and the trumpet have always had a place in the British Army, but other forms of marching music have been gradually adopted, and the standard of efficiency increased, until to-day the regimental bands of the

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British Army are generally acknowledged to be the finest in the world.

It was not until 1747 that the first drum and fife band was officially "brought on the strength," the 19th Foot (Green Howards) being the pioneers in introducing this. All other infantry regiments, excepting Light Infantry, Rifles and Scottish Corps, have since followed their example. The "Light Bobs" and the "Greenjackets" march to the strains of a bugle band, and the Scots, of course, use the bagpipes. The first mention of a drum and fife band in the FIFTH appears in the Inspection Return for October, 1755. Bennet Cuthbertson, who was Adjutant at that time, was probably responsible for its formation. In after years this officer wrote a book—"A System of Economy for a Battalion"—in which he lays down the following rules for the organisation of the regimental musicians :—

> "A Drum-Major can never be too great a coxcomb. . . . A handsome set of Drummers, who perform their beatings well, being one of the ornaments in the show of a Battalion, care must be taken to enlist none but such as promise a genteel figure when arrived at maturity."

The Band of the Royal Artillery has the longest continuous history. In 1762, Col. Phillips, who was in command of three companies of the Royal Artillery, serving on the Continent, engaged eight German musicians to play to the officers at dinner, and these men formed the nucleus of the famous Headquarter Band of "the Right o' the Line," which now numbers approximately one hundred instrumentalists.

From the middle of the eighteenth century onwards we find occasional references to "Bands of Musick" in connection with various regiments, but in many cases these consisted of only three or four instrumentalists. Up to 1780 even the Coldstream Guards were content with only eight hired civilian musicians to play in front of the King's Guard on its way to and from St. James's Palace. But these men, being civilians, were not amenable to discipline, and were at liberty to play or not, just as they pleased. This was by no means a satisfactory arrangement, and the Colonel of the Coldstreamers successfully petitioned the Duke of York for permission to raise a band of soldier-musicians, and shortly afterwards 24 bandsmen—all Germans from Hanover—were attested. This was the first proper regimental band in the modern sense of the term. Once the fashion had been set by the Coldstream Guards, other regiments were quick to follow their example, but for at least five years afterwards the FIFTH did not possess a band, according to the Inspection Returns.

As time went on the foreign bandsmen gradually gave place to British subjects, but for many years afterwards the bandmaster's job was usually held by a foreigner. Even fifty years ago British Army bands were often conducted by hired civilians. It was not until 1867 that the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, was opened as a training college for budding bandmasters.

It is of interest to note that bandmasters in the German Army were given military rank so long ago as 1838.

The playing of the massed bands at the great Aldershot and Wembley Tattoos has earned well-deserved commendation from eminent musical critics. This certainly shows a very marked improvement since the close of the Crimean War, when, at the Peace Celebrations, the massed bands (being ordered to play the National Anthem—our "Dismal God save," as a French critic has called it), made such a discordant row that, according to one contemporary account, "the onlookers thought the war had started all over again."

Many regimental bands possess trophies gained on the field of battle. The 5th Dragoon Guards and 1st South Lancashires (40th Foot) still use drum-major's batons which they took from the French during the Peninsular War. Another French drum-major's staff, captured by the 27th Foot (now 1st Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers) at the Battle of Castella, 1813, may be seen in the Museum of the Royal United Service Institution, Whitehall, S.W. The Fighting Fifth also captured a French drum-major's staff whilst serving in Spain. This trophy—said to have been taken at Ciudad Rodrigo—was borne at the head of the Regiment for several years, but when the Regiment was marching to the Relief of Lucknow it mysteriously disappeared, and was never seen again.

But the trophies gained in the Peninsula by the 34th Foot (now the 1st Bn. The Border Regiment, stationed at York) have perhaps a more interesting history than any other musical instruments in the British Army. At Arroyo-dos-Molinos, on the morning of 28th October, 1811, the 34th Foot surprised a French regiment (which by a curious coincidence was also numbered the 34th) and took the whole regiment prisoner. The brass drums and the drum-major's staff of the French 34th have ever since been the most cherished trophies of the Cumberland Regiment. Every year at midnight on the anniversary of the Battle, the Border Drummers assemble to beat the old French drums, behind which some of Napoleon's veterans once stepped out so proudly, whilst the youngest drummer proudly twirls the drum-major's staff. The latter trophy was captured by Sergt. Moses Simpson, who engaged the French Tambour-Major in single combat, and wrested it from his grasp. V.C.'s and D.C.M.'s were unknown in those days, but it is pleasing to record that thirty-five years after the event, the gallant sergeant was presented by the Officers of the 34th with a handsome medal.

During the Crimean War the 34th Regiments of Great Britain and France met again ; this time as allies in the trenches before Sebastopol. They commenced to fraternise, and the Colonel of the British 34th, fearing that the captured drums might become a source of trouble if their origin became known to the French, had them whitewashed until they could be replaced by ordinary "Army issue" drums, and shipped back to the Depôt in England for safety.

A curious old custom in the 12th Royal Lancers was the playing of five hymn tunes by the Band at Tattoo every evening, until August, 1916. If regimental tradition is to be believed, this custom originated in 1812, when some of the "Supple Twelfth" commandeered 104 bottles of wine from the cellars of a Spanish monastery. In consequence of this, the Duke of Wellington is said to have ordered the playing of the evening hymns to be continued for 104 years—one year for every bottle.

The 10th Royal Hussars have a similar custom, though in this case the origin is less doubtful, for it was introduced by a former commanding officer at the request of his wife.

The Leicestershire Regiment (old 17th Foot) have for many years played a short tune known as "Wolfe's Lament" on certain special occasions, in remembrance of the gallant General under whose command the regiment helped to conquer Canada. One battalion of this Regiment—the 10th (2nd Reserve) Bn. Leicestershire Regt., raised in 1914—had its title changed to the 5th Training Reserve Battalion in 1916, and afterwards, at a later stage in the Great War, became the 53rd (Young Soldiers) Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers ; but despite these changes of title, the old custom was kept up, and the playing of "Wolfe's Lament" was continued until the battalion was disbanded.

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BIRTH.

REARDON.—On the 27th August, 1925, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Sergt. and Mrs. Reardon, the Depôt, Northumberland Fusiliers—a son (Patrick Joseph).

MARRIAGES.

COLLIER—ROGERSON.—On the 13th August, 1925, at Eppleton, Cpl. Collier, the Depôt, Northumberland Fusiliers, to Miss Florence I. Rogerson.

WHITELOCKE-LLOYD - O'TOOLE.—On 2nd September, at St. Marylebone, London, Percy Whitelocke-Lloyd, M.C., late Captain Q.A.O., Royal Hussars, of Castletownsend, Co. Cork, to Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Sergt.-Major O'Toole, late Northd. Fusiliers, of 98, Ellesmere Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

DEATH.

REARDON.—On the 29th August, 1925, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, Patrick Joseph, son of Sergt. and Mrs. Reardon, the Depôt, Northumberland Fusiliers.

EXTRACTS *from the London Gazette* :—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

ESTABLISHMENTS.

The following appointment is made :—

SENIOR OFFICERS' SCHOOL.

Instr. (Cl. "Y").—Lieut.-Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O., from Northd. Fus., *vice* Bt. Lieut.-Col. W. Green, D.S.O., Black Watch (Cl. "AA") (dated 15th September).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

The following 2nd-Lieuts. to be Lieutenants (dated 30th August) :—W. P. Jones, R. H. Yorke.

Lieuts. G. Trayhurn and J. C. Ray, late Northd. Fusiliers, relinquish the rank of Lieutenant, on re-enlistment into the T.A. (dated 26th May).

2nd-Lieut. D. C. Bucknall to be Lieutenant (dated 31st January), with seniority, 8th July, 1924.

C. S. Graham, late 2nd-Lieut., Northd. Fusiliers, retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut. (dated 24th February, 1921).

Lieut. C. S. Graham resigns his commission (dated 9th September).

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. S. H. Kershaw, D.S.O., to be Lieut.-Col. (dated 15th September) ; Capt. A. P. Garnier, M.B.E., M.C., to be Major (dated 15th September).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Bn. The Buffs. Lieut. W. E. C. James, late 4th Bn. Northd. Fus., to be Lieut. with precedence as from 1st March, 1924, next below Lieut. A. P. Lillie (dated 5th September).

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

COLOGNE,

September, 1925.

An adequate account of our activities during the past month cannot be given without some reference to the weather. Since 23rd August, when we marched out for five weeks of battalion and brigade training and manœuvres, we have had many and varied thrills. We have carried out our annual raids on Depôts and magazines ; we have foiled our enemies who had evil designs on our own ; we've seen off the Crown Prince, when he came disguised as a cinema star to command a surreptitiously raised force of republicans ; we've quelled risings from Solingen to Gravenbroich ; we have held off the foe gallantly, according to the usual annual programme, during a concentration of reinforcements in rear of us ; we have marched and counter-marched—all these things have we done ; but after all these schemes and plots have been put away (and filed for reference next year in case our imagination flags), and when these and many other incidents of this year's final camp on the Rhine have faded away into the dim ages, two features of the period will stand out in bold relief in the memories of all who attended it. One of these features is the weather, the other the Big Smell.

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As far as the writer of these notes is concerned, it is completely beyond his powers of description to attempt to give an idea, in language suitable for production in any respectable journal, of our real thoughts regarding the weather. Suffice it to say that during the first three weeks there was hardly a day when we did not have heavy rain. It just rained and rained, as though there never had been, and never would be again, any other kind of weather in this world. And when for three days the sun emerged and shone down on the gloomy world, one felt as though instead of being in the middle of September one were passing from dark and dismal winter into the first sunshine of spring. And then, very much in the same way as a cinema film will rapidly change, giving you a momentary glimpse of some place totally different from the one you were looking at a second ago, and then reverting quickly to the first, the sun was gone just when, like so many beaming little daisies, we were gratefully looking up at him and basking in his warm geniality. For over a fortnight more we hardly saw him again, and it rained heavily and frequently. A certain amount of added discomfort was caused by the fact that all the land over which we were training consisted of plough or root fields which made the going heavy for man and beast.

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In spite, however, of this somewhat gloomy picture, the only gloomy thing really was the weather, and the health and spirits of the Battalion have been excellent.

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So much for the weather. Now we come to the other outstanding feature—the Big Smell.

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Now, it is idle to deny that the weather is one of the minor discomforts of life over which we can exercise no control—so,

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THE CAMP—COMPANY LINES - ROMMESCHIREN.

in a sense was the Smell for that matter, for It was beyond all control except that of the wind which blew It hither and thither, at its own foul will, sometimes towards the cookhouse, sometimes into the Sergeants' Mess and Officers' lines, usually into the canteen, and *never* away from camp. So that, in a sense, the Smell was an uncontrollable factor, for nothing would curb it, and the direction of the wind could not be controlled.

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But the question which has so often agitated our minds since It first floated airily down the road to camp to greet us on our first arrival with its noisome caresses is this :—Why, oh ! why were we deposited there, of all places, to sit and eat and sleep beside It for four long weeks ? How came it about that the gilded lord who first spied out for us our camping ground selected a site next door to It ? Can it have been that through months of hibernation in some airless recess in the Excelsior he had lost his sense of smell ? or had it become warped in such a way that he mistook this nauseating Thing for the healthy ozone of the country ? Can he have paused for a single moment on the brink of this foul abyss of reeking slime without the slightest internal sensation ?

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These and many such questions are still unanswered ; meanwhile our camp was pitched just across the road from a pit, the contents of which can only be shudderingly guessed at, the effluvian of which beggars description. It is said that when we mildly protested against the obnoxiousness of this very "persistent" neighbour, and the farmer, whose property it is, was approached with a view to its being destroyed, the tears streamed down his worthy bucolic face, and with hands upraised he prayed Heaven to give him understanding as to what manner of folk these English might be, and to be delivered from them who would wish to destroy his lovely, fruity pit, the pride of the family for generations, the apple of his eye, his little nest egg and gold mine ! Let them take his horses, his cattle, anything in the world except the family pit. Ah ! cruel, cruel Fate, that should have brought them camping near his priceless pit !

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In view of this torrential outburst of feelings, we endured for a whole month, rather than feel that we might have been instrumental in so wrecking the happy home, and in depriving it of the Thing which had been a source of prosperity to it for generations.

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A few more memories of this camp will probably die harder than others—the awe-inspiring rush of a Henry Ford, piloted by Mr. Seth-Smith, and flying a signal flag, thereby transforming itself for the nonce into the latest and most terrifying thing in armoured cars—the prodigious cross-country feats of Major Critchley Salmonson in his Citroen, his quick change stunts, now an umpire and therefore not to be molested, and the next moment an armoured car rampant with a signal flag in the middle of a green field, to be molested as much as possible—and it redounds to the everlasting credit of the troops that they never once shot at him when he was an umpire (meaning, of course, that their presence of mind in adapting their actions to his sudden change from one role to the other was most creditable) —these and other such incidents will live for long in all our memories.

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Then, again, how can the memory perish of the time when Captain Powell, who, aided by a band of braves, had searched out a wasps' nest, stealthily took a petrol tin from his car, poured the petrol liberally over the nest, and then, chuckling with delight over the imminent discomfort of the wasps, whilst the others took cover, dashed a lighted match on to the whole thing and ran for dear life, only to discover that the petrol tin had contained water !

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During the week ends in camp a number of us have enjoyed some quite fair shooting, partridges being moderately plentiful this year.

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Brigade Training finished on Saturday, 19th ; camp was struck the next day, and the Battalion moved into billets for the night, prior to the commencement of manœuvres. After that the writer is a little vague, because he wasn't there, and as the Battalion has been on the move from place to place since, whilst he has been snugly esconced in Details, news has been scarce ; moreover, if these notes are to reach the Editor in time for publication, it is not possible to wait till they come

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COMPLETE VIEW OF CAMP.

in to hear all the news. The following scanty information has however been gleaned.

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As last year, the enemy are very mobile, and by the simple

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"X" COY. LIMBER.

process of saying that one man equals ten, they are able to move a complete battalion in two lorries to harass our army, which seems rather a low trick.

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The Wednesday of manœuvres was apparently particularly strenuous, and the Battalion is said to have covered many miles in very good style.

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Up to date they are rumoured to have got off fairly lightly as regards the weather, but at the moment of writing this period of the training seems to be ending as it began, in torrents of rain.

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During manœuvres, Major Critchley Salmonson and Capt. Rushbrooke, after many months of preliminary exercises and numerous conferences, have been employed as umpires. Mr. Macmullen has been employed as A.D.C. to the Divisional Commander.

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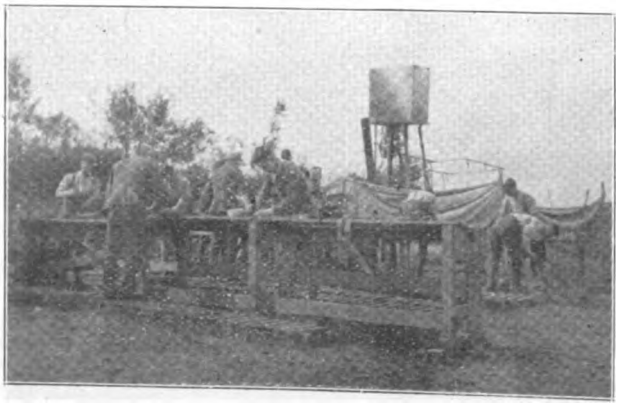
Colonel Herbert rejoined during our first week in camp, from the Senior Officers' School.



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EQUIPMENT CLEANING, ETC., AT ROMMESCHIREN, SEPTEMBER, 1925.

Captain Steele was promoted and ordered to India on the day he was leaving us to go on leave, prior to retiring and going to Australia. At the same time, War Office did a little conjuring with figures and dates, and said that he could not go, with gratuity, till February. So he's coming back . . . when he's had a little more leave . . . and we shall be very glad to see him again.

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Mr. Bolster fell a victim to pleurisy as the result of getting remarkably wet on the night when we bivouacked on the way to camp, but it is pleasing to note that he is now out of hospital, and he has just departed on three months' sick leave.

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Congratulations to Major Garnier on his promotion, the news of which has just reached us.

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Sergeant Hurt has our deepest sympathy in the recent sad loss of his wife, who died suddenly in Cologne on 14th September.

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The moment that manœuvres finish, the leave season is

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HERENSTROF CAMP, SEPTEMBER, 1925.

EVEN STRONGER THAN JOHNNY WALKER'S.

upon us. It is rather pleasant so, for during training and manœuvres leave still seems a very remote affair—so much has to be got through before manœuvres finish and we can seriously think of leave—then, quite suddenly, we wake one morning with the luxurious feeling that the leave season has begun.

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And so our last collective training season on the Rhine draws to a close, and the two main topics for the next few months will be leave, and the impending move of the Battalion. Everyone looks forward to leave (another glimpse of the obvious), and most of us, I think, look forward to leaving the Rhine; the reason for our looking forward to a move is perhaps not easy to define, and probably varies according to the individual, but whatever the different feelings are, there is no doubt that most of us feel we should like a change; and to be at a station where there are likely, we trust, to be less calls on our personnel

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to perform, for months on end, various odd jobs away from the

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OFFICERS ENJOYING A SNACK ON THE ROADSIDE.

Battalion and quite unconnected with their normal training, will be somewhat in the nature of a relief.

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And even if it does rain all day and every day it won't matter, because we are now quite inured to that kind of thing.

ST. GEORGE'S PEPYS.

August 24th.—Yesterdaye, at five of the clock in the afternoone, by march route on the first stayge to campe, and all the ladyes of the regiment on the road to see us away. And after marchynge some two and a half houres came upon a farmhouse with a prettie meadowe, all mightie pleasante. Here we were to sleep the nighte in the meadowe, but no sooner to bed than the heavens opened with a most mightie pestilentialle downpoure, and so continued till brake of daye, so that no sleep was to be had. And so we bore with it till three

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SERGEANTS' GROUP DINING, LESS FLAPPING OF CARS.

o'clock in the morning, and then, one and all being now well wetted, up, so as to pack and move as soone as we mighte; and then a curious thynge befell, for all the soulderes who must have been in trulie sorrie stayte as to wet and cold, what did they do but gather in and arounde an old waggon shedde and sing songs and catches till brake of daye?—which is a straynge thynge that I do remember to have remarked in our Fusilieres before, to witte that when by rightes they shoulde be most miserable and sorrie, then is the time they go a-singynge and a-jestynge amongst themselves with mightie good cheere all arounde, and yet when they go a-marchynge on a pleasante daye with all Nature rejoycinge arounde them they do showe no especialle pleasure at all. And so I do believe that it may well have been some such spirit of rejoycinge in adversitie which rallied our regiment to all its brayve doinges in the warres, and that this sayme spirrit is still in our regiment and will of a suretie agayne stand it in as goode stead whensoe'er in times to come it may be most sorelie tried.

And so on, at brake of daye, the remainynge twelve miles to campe, our fellowes bearynge themselves with much credit under somewhat sorrie conditions, arrivynge at the campe at nine of the clock and mightilie contented to be there, but much

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LINED UP FOR RATIONS.

distressed by the close proximitie to the campe of a pit full of some vile reekynge messe which, I am told, the farmer, whose house is near by, does use on the lande; and I cannot call to minde ever before havynge met with anythynge so foulle, but being wearie at the time, and hungrie, thought no more about it then save to wonder grately what manner of man he mighte be who, from all this vaste expanse of country arounde us, could have chosen us a campynge ground in such a foulle, unsavourie neighbourhood.

September 4th.—Up and mightie betimes for a grand attacke on a hillock some five miles from campe, and the going plaguilie tedious by reason of all the ploughlande and roote fieldes we had perforce to traverse—indeede this whole countryside does seem a verie endless desert of plough and roote fieldes, which is mightie dulle.

Nevertheless it was in truth a grande sighte to see with what a will our brayve fellowes went forward through it all, the bearers of the Lewis pieces, as devil-may-care as you mighte wish for, a-stridynge along with their pieces on their shoulderes,

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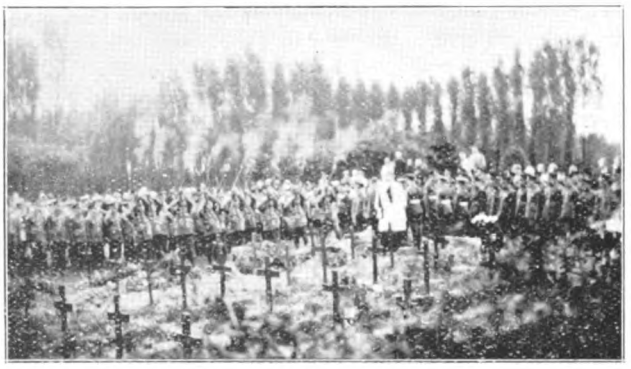
all unheedynge of the shelles and bullets flyinge arounde, and the Vickers pieces being galloped first here and then there in



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BOY CHIVERS' FUNERAL, AUGUST, 1925.

COLOGNE "FIRING PARTY."

their waggons with Sir Hunsworth Holt as coole and steadie as if he were verilie on the barracke square, instead of being, as he was, in the heat of a bloodie battle. And so on and on, the leaders of sections some of them showynge a prettie cunnynge and others agayne bringynge down on themselves torrents of wrath from their commanders by reason of their sad lack of witte, but all a-hastynge forward until, breathless and pantynge, they at last do reach their goalle in triumph, all muddie and bearynge the staynes of warre beçause of their runnynge and stumblynge through the plough lande. And then a mightie sillie jeste was played by some knavish coxcomb of a bugler, for what did he do but sounde the "no parayde to-daye," and what else had we been but on parayde for six houres or more, and were there not five goode miles between us and our dinners? Then, mightilie incensed with the clowne, back the five miles to campe, preferrynge, by reason of our being hungrie, to return to our dinners than give the fellowe his deserts there and then.

September 10th.—This daye by march route to the village of Stommeln, and before marchynge off forced to stand in the column for five minutes or more with that foulle pestilentialle pit beneath our noses, so that my gorge rose and I was wishynge that whoever it mighte have been who allotted us our campynge grounde could also be standynge there for five minutes immediatelie after breakynge of his faste, in order that I mighte so witness his discomfort. And meanwhile the farm labourers, with grate scoops, ladlynge out from it into a waggon putrid cabbages and every nameless sorte of offal to put on the lande, and stirrynge it with almost lovynge care. Indeede they do saye that these verie pits are deemed by the farmers of this lande to be of grate value, and are highlie prized by them, so that I cannot help reflecktynge that if the value of them is by any manner of means commensurate with the unmentionable stench they give off they must verilie be worth a king's ransom.

So were we mightie thankful to move away, and, on reachynge Stommeln learned that the Battalion was this daye to be an advanced guard, and were likewise warned that ordinarie motor-carres carrynge specialle flagges were to represent hostile armoured carres, and we must be prepared to meet their sudden onslaught. Now, during manœuvrynges such as we are engayged on at present, we are agayne and agayne reminded that we must ever be strivynge, by usynge our imagination to the best of our abilitie, to picture the scene as though in verie truth we were at warre, and this, it cannot be gainsaid, is often no easie matter.

Now it did so hap that whilst I was standynge in the roadway a-musynge on this verie thynge, my ear caught the familiar raucous note of the horn on the Duke of Nairobi's carre, so that straightway came a vision to me of the Hobe Strasse in Colonne of an evenynge, and the crowds of people all a-fussynge and a-faintynge and a-hurryinge to sayve themselves, and he a-chargynge at them like Boadicea in her chariotte . . . until of a sudden I was sharply bestirred from this reverie by the sounde of some of our soulderes, of quicker witte than I, dischargeinge of their pieces at him because they recognised he was carryinge one of those specialle flagges. And never before this daye do I recollect my imaginative faculties being so grately tried during manœuvres, for anythynge with less likeness of an armoured carre I never did see, save that perhaps there may have been some faint resemblance in the manner of his drivynge of it.

September 14th.—This nighte a mightie odde accounte reached me, the tellynge of which puts me grately in mind of the old saying of how, no matter how late it may befall, sooner or later a man's misdoings will surelie find him out and expose himself, for what he trulie is, to the vulgar gazynge of all and sundrie, so that this set me a-wonderynge, for no little space of time as to what sort of prettie pickle I mighte well find myself in some daye should certain of my own peccadilloes of a sudden be exposed to the full lighte of daye, and so I suppose it must be with all men, for who is there who has not some misdemeanour, grate or triflynge, within his memory which he would not hate to have bruited abroad indiscriminatelie for everyone to knowe?

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SOUNDING THE STAND-FAST.

Now, in this accounte which I did heare to nighte it appeares it befell in this wise:—

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Whilst the Regiment was a-campynge away from barrackes some workmen were set the task of findynge out and removynge the cause of some obstruction in the outlet piping of a bath which three gentlemen, who do occupie the same landynge in barrackes, are in the habit of usynge from time to time. And after much probynge and pokynge and removynge of a portion of the pipe by the workmen, what should they discover the cause to be but a ladye's hairpin !

This of itself makes a prettie enough scandalle in all conscience, but what is worse is this, to witte that although there does seem to be little doubt that some one of these gentlemen must at least have some inklynge of how the thynge came to be there, none of them has so far owned to it, so that the cost of the work of its removal has had to be divided betwixt the three of them. Now, it is to my mind a thynge almost unthinkable that all three of them should possibly knowe how it came there, and therefore likewise unthinkable that the sharynge of the cost be an equitable and just arrangement, for now it does appeare that for the guilt of one of the three—who must be a craven sort of wretch not to admit it—the remainynge two, who must surelie be innocent, do have to share their shame and cost of it—and which of the three, Sir Ian James, Sir Francis Cheeseacres, or Sir Clarence Clergies, I cannot for the life of me figure out.

Altogether the affaire is a grate mystery to me, for, whatever may be the several weaknesses of these three gallant gentlemen, I do find it out of keepynge with the characters of any of them, that they should be concerned in any affaire which suggests a matter of so scandallouse a nature, strikynge, as it does, at the verie roote of all our well-ordered laws of societie. And yet what can one suppose but that one of the three must be concerned in the matter ? A verie grate puzzle indeede it is.

A FUSILIER ON MANŒUVRES.

I love manœuvres, I admit ;
'Tis pleasant in the roots to sit
And watch the mounted off'cers flit
Across the fields before you ;
But walking miles and miles through plough
Is greater fun by far, I vow,
Than riding on some raw-boned cow—
And if manœuvres bore you,
Your eyelids you can often close
And sink into a peaceful doze.

I love each thrilling episode
When cyclists tear along the road
Or N.C.O.'s with rage explode
At every other minute.
With joy I hail the frequent cry,
" Company Commanders ! Pass it by ! "
And watch them bustling up, whilst I
Need take no interest in it,
And lay my head upon my pack
And slumber till they all come back.

And next Platoon Commanders go
To listen whilst the captains show
How we propose to meet the foe
In every situation ;
These weighty pow-wows once again
Fail to impose the slightest strain
Upon *my* intellect or brain
Or my imagination ;
For still I lie in sweet repose—
These Captains are so d——d verbose !—

And then, with mighty solemn mien,
Platoon Commanders all convene
Their Section Leaders on the scene,
For half-an-hour *they* prattle,
And in the ground poke little holes
With walking-sticks, showing the roles
Of sections, and their several goals
In the approaching battle.
And still I doze with peaceful dreams.
How endless all this talking seems !

But now that Section Leaders too
Have learned what each one has to do,
Perhaps you'd think that I and you
Might now be told our duty.
But no ! " Guns off ! " " Get dressed ! " they cry.
The one's and two's go hurrying by ;
And whilst we're dressing, you and I,
They say, in accents fruity,
" We've clicked ! A blinkin' flank attack !
Follow me down this bleedin' track."

But still we often have our fun—
Though mostly we just walk and run
Until the battle's lost or won,
Which ain't exactly thrilling—
And many things our mirth provoke,
An M.G. Officer on a moke,
For instance, is a priceless joke—
It really looks too killing !
And here's a funny little tale,
It's hero's Fusilier MacSnail.

This friend of mine, the other day,
Was dozing peacefully in some hay ;
Everyone else was miles away,
'Cos he'd been sent off scouting ;
And suddenly he saw a hare
And, just because the sport was rare,
Arose—for who could see him there ?—
And chased it, madly shouting,
Then later had another doze
Until he heard them sound the " close."

Alas ! The Captain—nasty jar !—
Looking through his monocular,
Espied young Nimrod from afar,
And watched, and saw him do it.
His rage was terrible to see !
With brow as black as black could be,
He swore a most almighty D,
And vowed MacSnail should rue it !
And so it was that young MacSnail
Was cursed, condemned, and cast in jail.

The moral's plain as plain can be.
It's this : if you *must* have a spree,
Be very circumspect and see
You're not the Captain's sight in ;
And don't assume, as many do,
That when you're miles out in the blue
No one will dream of watching you.
And if—instead of fightin'—
Of hunting hares you are a lover,
Make proper use of ground and cover.

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SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

During the months June, July and August we regret to announce that through the numerous inconveniences arising, effecting mainly the usual contributor of the above notes, it has proved almost impossible to submit any news of movements up to date.

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The Battalion returned from Wahn Camp to Barracks on the 5th June, on completion of a most strenuous five weeks' Company Training.

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As usual, immediately on arrival the Mess became greatly patronised in quenching that which is invariably the results of trekking.

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As recorded in the Battalion Notes of July's *Gazette*, Band-Sergeant McPherson left us for the School of Music (Kneller Hall) on the 5th July, to undergo his studies for Bandmaster. The unanimous wish from the Mess is, "may the best of his past be the worst of his future," and that his devoted and hard studies to secure his present position may tender to him all his desires in life.

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We feel sure of his success, and although his loss to the Mess as a keen, devoted worker and humorist, and acknowledging as such "that our loss is other people's gain," we trust that he will never forget the FIFTH and the welcome which always awaits him whene'er the opportunity arises of him paying us a visit.

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Prior to his departure, a Smoking Concert was held to commemorate his farewell. The seat of office was ably fitted by Bandmaster Windram, with keen interest, who caused the evening to be a great success by his tactful ways through experience in handling such functions. During the evening Band-Sergeant McPherson was presented with a wrist watch from the members of the Mess, with most appropriate wording engraved thereon. No doubt such present will always refresh his thoughts to days spent with his well-wishers. His delight subsequent to the presentation was revealed by him in asking each member present every second, "What's the time?" and immediately synchronised accordingly. The present having survived the first night's test, we only hope "it will live to see the day when he becomes solely responsible for 120, etc., to the minute."

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The concert concluded in the usual way by giving a vote of thanks to the Entertainment Committee, Sergt. Phillips and Sergt. Chislett, who fitted the office very satisfactorily.

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Sergt. Hetherington left us in August, pending discharge on completion of 18 years' service. His time with us was rather brief, but during such period he placed before dining members at breakfast and tea regularly a study of "how a lemon squashed in tea, and the effects of . . . ! ! !" To members who witnessed this, they invariably became curious as to why a nice cup of tea should be turned into soup and partaken of *minus* pepper and salt? However, to all those who have yet to face Tropics, it is hinted that the above drink is meant to counteract "liver complaint." If this hint be true, perhaps in suggesting a box of lemons per day to be supplied to the Mess, the distinction of Tropical and Home Service might fade away.

To Sergt. Hetherington we wish every success in his new sphere of life, and that he may overcome his long ailment.

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C.S.M. Clark (Nobby)—which nickname interpreted is his own lingo (advanced stages of German) reads C.S.M. COME ceased to officiate as Company-Sergeant-Major to "Y" Company on the 1st August, on account of availing himself of opportunities to be gained with the Mechanical Transport at the Vocational Training Centre (Cologne). It is rumoured that in his last six months (which time the course lasts, and also terminates his period of 21 years' service with the FIFTH) he intends becoming an expert chauffeur. We trust that his instructors may push him through successfully in five months, to enable in the sixth month for his services as a chauffeur to be patronised and appreciated by the Mess. This is conceding to him quite a privilege and complimentary notes, which no doubt he'll appreciate, but it is thought the desire is arrived at through the homicidal states of mind of the members concerned. However, we are now convinced that out of the two jobs—*i.e.*,

(1) To become a chauffeur (expert) or

(2) The pilot of an aeroplane—

in selecting the former, the world is undoubtedly spared from a sure disaster.

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The truth now exhausted, the unanimous wish of the Mess is "that his new ambition in life may attend him prosperously, and that his exhaust may not deter the chance; of rapidity of figures on his auto-meter."

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Congratulations to Sergt. Moore on winning the first prize, 500 yds., in the W.O.'s and Sergeants' Shoot at the Rhine Army Rifle Meeting, 1925.

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Unfortunately we have to announce that during July, R.S.M. Pullan was obliged to leave us through being admitted into hospital to undergo a severe operation. The lengthy time having elapsed before this announcement, we are now pleased to say that through safe care and recuperation leave in England he is again with us, hail and hearty.

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During August we entertained the N.A.A.F.I. employees and Horse Transport to cricket, followed by a social evening.

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On the 1st we played the N.A.A.F.I.; on the 18th, we played the H.T.

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The results in each case might have been worth publication had the young veterans of the Mess been more adapted to sports and availed themselves of the opportunity, but much to the contrary, hence the results in each match proved most disastrous.

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A knock-out Billiard Handicap was arranged by R.Q.M.S. Ambury, to whom great credit is due for organising such keen matches. After numerous games the actual finalists were C.S.M. Dipper and Drum-Major Hebbron, the latter conceding 150 in 250, and won by a small margin.

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The game proved a most extraordinary spectacle. If even there had been no human spectators the game was well supervised by the standing to attention of all "Rests."

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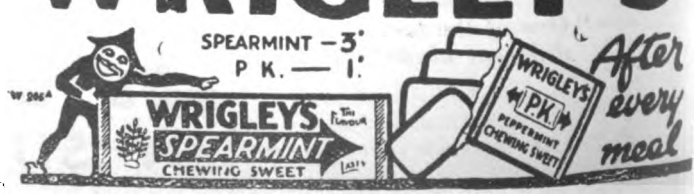

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In the absence of distinguished and covetous decorations, we offer our hearty congratulations to C.S.M. Wisdon, Lce.-Sgt. Croft and Band-Sgt. Chislett for their gallant pluck in entering those advanced stages of life—*i.e.* matrimony.

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C.Q.M.S. Carlin deserted us from Training on 3rd September, on being posted to the Regimental Depôt, Newcastle-on-Tyne, for a tour of duty. The change, we hope, will suit him and alter his opinion to vere from that saying, "That the last abode for C.Q.M.S.'s is the lunatic asylum." It is not quite understood why *his opinion* should differ from that of the Army motto :—

"To grow fit join the Army," and
"To grow fat be a C.Q.M.S." ;

probably his new office may suffice to cause him to prove the Army motto correct.

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To himself, Mrs. Carlin and family, we wish them a happy time amongst their new friends and surroundings.

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Sergt. Byrne and Lce.-Sgt. Cogan joined us at camp on the 4th September, and C.Q.M.S. Peak on the 16th September, on completion of duty at the Regimental Depôt. We trust that in their new surroundings they will find all comfort, etc., to meet their desires. Camp life, Brigade and Divisional Training is their first selection of luxuries.

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From the W.O.'s, Staff-Sergeants and Sergeants our deepest sympathy is tendered to Lce.-Sgt. Hurt, in his sad bereavement through his wife's death in Quarters on the 15th September.

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The following Promotions and Appointments have taken place since July :—

Cpl. Hobbs appointed paid Lce.-Sgt., with effect from 21st July, 1925, to complete establishment.

Lce.-Sgt. Chislett, promoted Sergeant and appointed Band-Sergeant with effect from 1st July, 1925, *vice* Band-Sergeant McPherson to Kneller Hall.

Lce.-Sgt. Baker, promoted Sergeant, with effect from 19th August, 1925, *vice* Sergt. Hetherington, discharged.

Congratulations to the above-mentioned on reaching their respective ranks, and that in each case such may be just a stepping-stone to further success.

Skits and (W)it overheard in the Mess Tent.

A certain member most joyfully entered the marquee as Letter Call beat off one morning. With expectations of receiving most joyful news from some distant country (Cologne), he approached the letter rack and there found one letter addressed to him—therefore he was not disappointed. On opening the envelope the contents proved to be his gas bill! Results—infuriated and outrageous, he immediately proceeded to confide in another non-single economist, exchange of brains resulting in the following being overheard :—

The persistency of 46 kilometers of gas should not incur this debt, and it is perfectly obvious it wants seeing into.

It is gathered from the above statement that the motto of "Cool, Calm and Collective" was somewhat lacking on such being expounded ; at the same time we must understand that we are still in our *junavile* stages through the Great War.

Situations not Offered to Members of the Dole Brigade.

Members *A*. and *B*. discussing their future in civilian life.

A. to *B*.—"What do you intend doing on termination of your time ?"

B. to *A*.—"Well, really, I have not yet decided ! ! ! "

A. to *B*. (sympathetically).—"Look here, if you like I'll give you a good job ! ! ! "

B. to *A*.—"What's that ?"

A. to *B*.—"Sand-papering elephants down to lizards." . . .

After the applause of loud laughter, continued

A. to *B*.—"I can always get you on one leg ! "

B. to *A*.—"How's that ? "

A. to *B*.—"Give you 'Quick, mark time ! ' "

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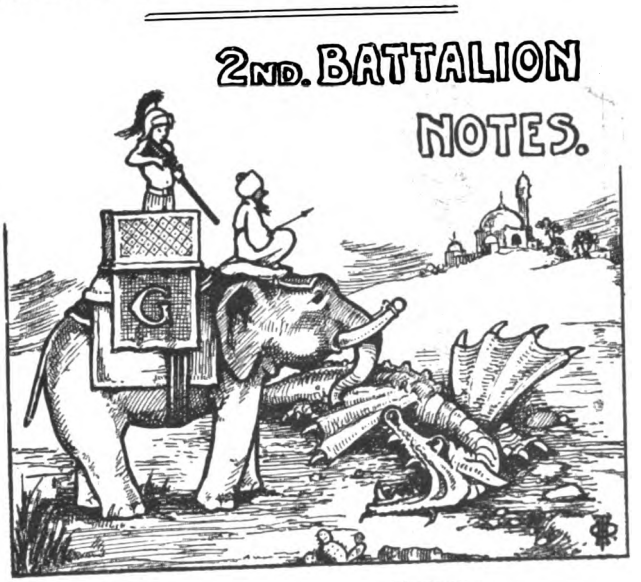
This being the concluding stages for the present, it is hoped that the various difficulties which caused the lull in contributing the Mess Notes for the past three months will be avoided in future, and that the next publication may link up with the conclusion of these notes.



Fyzabad,

August, 1925.

The chief event, in an otherwise eventless month, has been the departure of Colonel Sandilands. He only returned to Fyzabad on 29th July, and we had to say good-bye to him on 8th August. He then went up to Ranikhet to visit the Hill Detachment, and by the time these notes are in the post he will be on the high seas once again.

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Colonel Sandilands joined the Regiment at a time when, as he reminded the Battalion on his farewell parade, very few indeed of those he was leaving had seen the light of day. He took over command of this Battalion in 1921, when the immediate after-effects of the war were still in evidence and when, in fact, the Battalion had but shortly come from Iraq, where it had been serving under active service conditions. Thus he was in command during that great period of transition, when we were passing from war to peace conditions and endeavouring to the best of our ability to regain the old standards of efficiency and traditional smartness which have always been the pride of

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the FIFTH, but which had, perforce, to be somewhat relaxed in the rough and tumble of active service. The work involved was great and the responsibility for guiding us in the right direction lay with those who had had experience of regimental life before the war. Colonel Sandilands was one of the few such serving in this Battalion, and it will be readily acknowledged by all who knew him that we could not have had a better leader. Imbued, as he was, with a strict sense of discipline and justice, acutely observant of details, possessed of an unselfish and generous disposition which gained for him the affectionate regard of all who came under his influence, and with a ripe knowledge of the art of war gained by personal experience in many and varied theatres, he was an ideal commander; but what stood him in such good stead under the circumstances was his great love of the Regiment and his fine conception of the true meaning of what he himself has called the "Spirit of the FIFTH." He was ever ready to place the interests and welfare of the Regiment before personal considerations and expected the same high standard of ideal in others.

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His appointment as an instructor at the Senior Officers' School is one on which the Army is to be congratulated, since there are few other positions in which the effect of his influence and knowledge will be more widely felt throughout the Service. We wish him a long and distinguished career and trust that at some future time it may be our good fortune to find ourselves serving under his command again. In the meantime we rest assured that we have in him a sincere friend and well-wisher.

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The first Hill Detachment returned to Fyzabad on 26th July, without having experienced any of the misfortunes which befel them on the way up. As usual, the rains had washed away the road in places and some difficulty was experienced in getting through, but matters were not so bad as last year, when a complete hotel disappeared down the mountain side.

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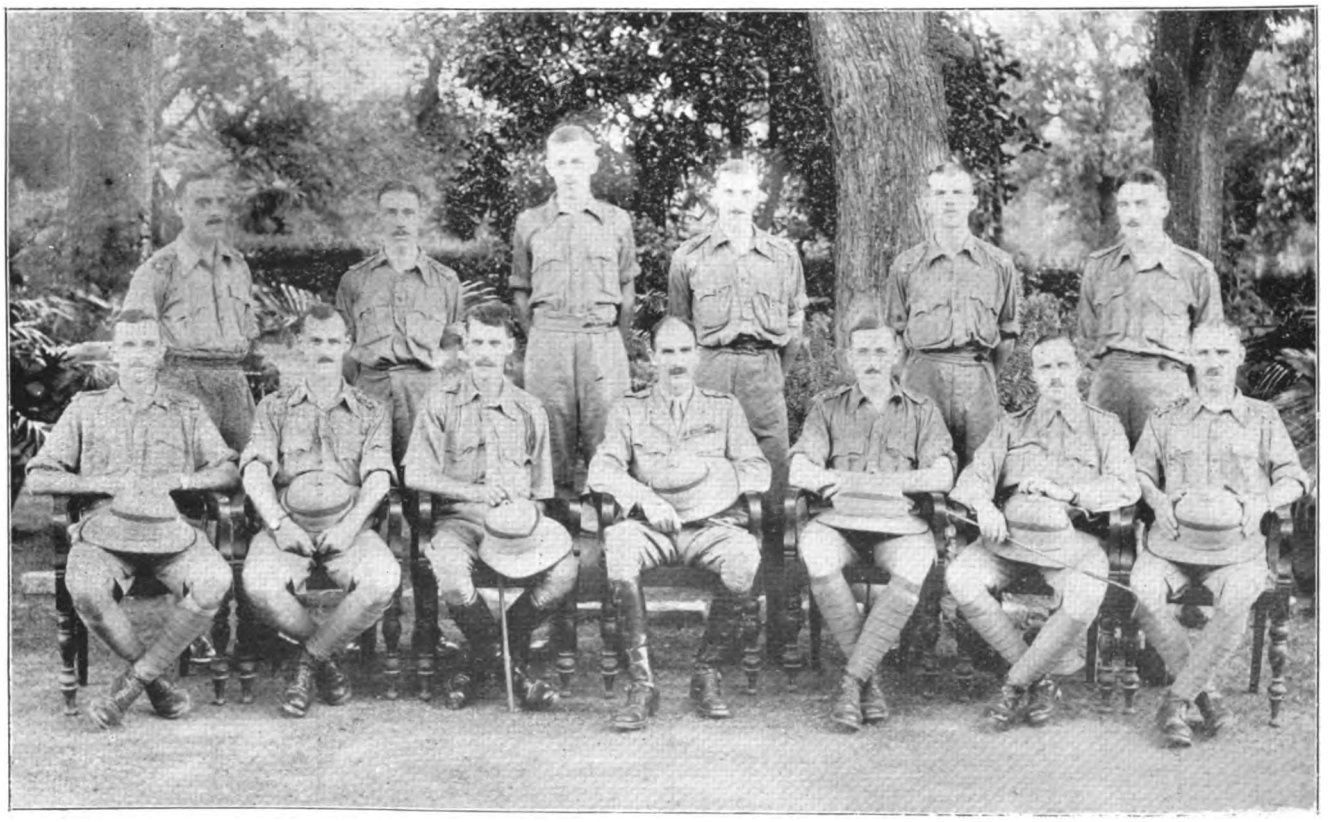
Those returning from the hills have been full of stories of the torrential and never-ending rain they have experienced, which has somewhat reconciled the rest of us to our lot, who have been too inclined to look upon a hill station as a perfect, if unattainable, paradise. As a fact, the weather here shows signs of improving, though the nights are unpleasantly hot and even by day the temperature resembles a turkish bath too closely to make it ideal for games. However, "Rugger" still flourishes and the Battalion team put up a good show against a team representing Cawnpore, which came here with a considerable reputation. We defeated them by two tries to nil



GROUP OF OFFICERS OF THE 2ND BATTALION, TAKEN AT FYZABAD ON THE EVE OF THE DEPARTURE OF LIEUT.-COLONEL H. R. SANDILANDS, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Left to Right.—(*Standing*) Capt. C. H. Cooper, M.C., Lieut. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C., 2nd-Lieut. H. S. Flower, 2nd-Lieut. A. C. Collingwood, 2nd-Lieut. R. S. Surtees, Lieut. E. H. D. Grimley.

(*Sitting*).—Capt. A. E. B. Plummer, M.C., Capt. E. H. Baxter, Major and Bt.-Lieut.-Col. S. H. Kershaw, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut. (A/Adjt.) G. C. Humphreys, Major F. R. I. Athill, C.M.G., Lieut. (Quartermaster) J. H. Maynard.

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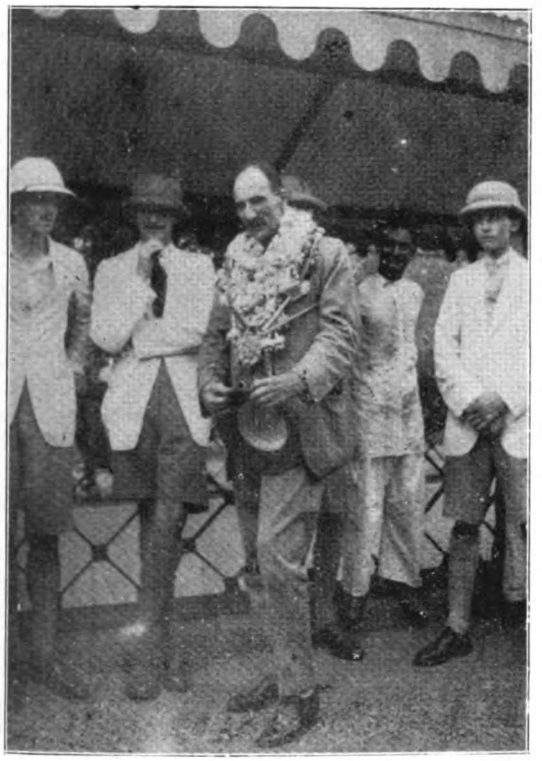
after having had the best of the game all through. Our team were very quick on the ball and the tackling seemed to



Photo] [*Sgt. A. H. Ward, H.Q. Wing.*

DEPARTURE OF LT.-COL. SANDILANDS FROM FYZABAD.

SCENE ON THE RAILWAY STATION.

be above the average. On the other side, three substitutes supplied by us stood out conspicuously. The Battalion team consisted of :—(*Forwards*) 2nd-Lieut. Collingwood, 2nd-Lieut. Surtees, 2nd-Lieut. Flower, Sergt. Parkin, Lce.-Cpl. Walker, Fusrs. Hall, Pearson and Brooks ; (*Halves*) Fusrs. Clayton and Mathews ; (*Three-quarters*) 2nd-Lieut. Jenney, Cpl. Dickenson, Lce.-Cpl. Allen and Fus. Allen ; (*Back*) Lieut. Fryer (Captain).

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Colonel Kershaw assumed command of the Battalion with effect from 8th August, *vice* Colonel Sandilands.

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Captain Cooper, Mr. Humphreys and Mr. Fryer have gone on leave, and Mr. Grimley has returned.

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Captain Baxter has taken over the duties of Adjutant temporarily from Mr. Humphreys.

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Colonel Kershaw went to Dehra Dun on 22nd August for a short Senior Officers' Course.

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It may interest those who served under the late Lord Rawlinson to know that the Army in India propose to create a memorial to him. It is to take the form of two portraits of him to be painted in oils by a well-known artist, one of which will be presented to Lady Rawlinson and the other hung at Snowdon, the official residence in Simla of the Commander-in-Chief in India.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The second hill party left us on the 14th July, taking with it the following members :—C.S.M. Moon, Sgt.-Drm. Brace, Sgt. Cosgrove, Sgt. Avison, Sgt. Pearson, Sgt. Mole, Lce.-Sgts. Holmes, Fellowes and Wood.

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The first hill party arrived at Fyzabad on the 25th, having successfully overcome the deluge on the way down and having indulged in some eccentric gymnastics at Brewery to circumvent the landslide.

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Members returned with the party are :—C.S.M. Beck, C.Q.M.S. Williams, Sgts. Earl, Merrin, Ashton, Bowker and Ward, with the Armourer-Sgt. in the list of "braves" who voluntarily undertook the deep plunge at the Brewery in preference to the comforts and luxury of his privileged leave.

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On the night of the 7th August, the Mess were at full strength to receive our Commanding Officer, Col. H. R. Sandilands, who came to bid us good-bye before vacating his command of the Battalion. His speech, touching as it was, full of regimental pride, will long be remembered. Most eulogistic, delightfully sweet, yet so perfectly contented in us all. What more gratification can the men feel than in the knowledge of trust and appreciation. The health of the Commanding Officer was drunk, three very rousing cheers, and a unique fireworks display in the adjoining grounds did justice to the efforts of the Sergeants and the popularity of the Colonel, during whose period of command the Battalion has thriven so well and a happy spirit has pervaded us all.

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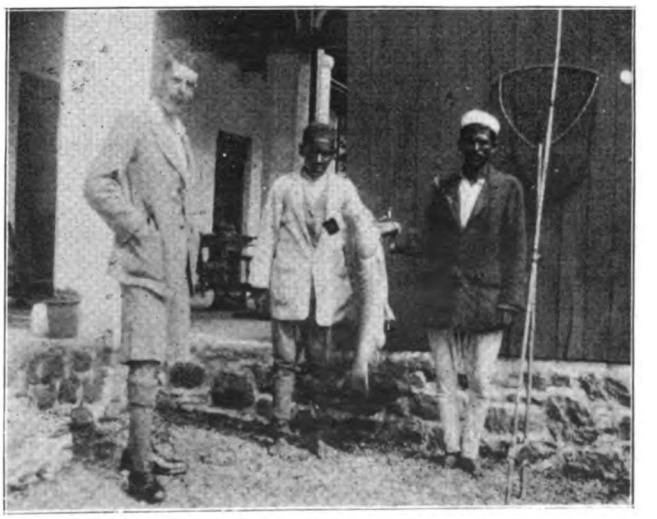
Things are quiet at this period. The Monsoon has put a



Photo] [*Sgt. A. H. Ward, H.Q. Wing.*

COL. KERSHAW WITH 13-LB. MAHSEER.

stop to the activities of the racket, and the close evenings do not add to the comforts of us all.

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H.M.S. *Gun-stops* is again in action, with Sgt. Grace, recently returned from Pachmarhi, as navigator, and Sgt. Hunter as senior pupil.

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The Mess looks considerably brightened with the addition of new furniture and with the advent of the cool weather we should be comfortably installed for the entertaining season.

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C.S.M. Davies and C.S.M. Hodsell have rejoined from Summer leave, politely referred to as "Vocational Training," at Ranikhet. Sgts. Green, Evans, Beatty, and C.Q.M.S. Williams are also on a visit to their families in the hills, and hope to return in good time to enable the next relief to depart. The Mess numbers have, however, been swollen by the addition of Lce.-Sgts. Wasse, Springate, Tindall and Moran, who are welcomed on appointment.

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To O.R.Q.M.S. Willson, C.Q.M.S. Williams, D.C.M., Sgt.-Dmr. Brace and Lce.-Sgt. Couse the Mess offers its congratulations on the award of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Our proud possessors of this treasured award now reaches the figure of five, and the Mess does not seem a bit old. Tales of 1674, etc., are very prevalent just now. The young members seem terribly alone in the mysterious conversations which apparently secret all the merits necessary to qualify for the part known as Good Conduct, and which mightily interests all budding aspirants. The O.R.Q.M.S. is particularly persuasive to the "children" and with double bars for Mesopotamia he is decidedly fearsome these days. Still, as an "old soldier"—who has more right to say and do?

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The presentation of the Medal to O.R.Q.M.S. Willson and C.Q.M.S. Williams was made by Colonel Sandilands on Guard Mounting Parade on Wednesday, 5th August, and the excellence of the ceremony was specially fitting to two very highly esteemed and popular ranks.

RANIKHET DETACHMENT.

The 2nd Hill Party, consisting of "B" Company, M.G. Platoon, Drums and Details of other Companies, left Fyzabad on 14th July, 200 men marching direct to Ranikhet, arriving on the 19th, leaving 50 men at Kathgodan to follow on with the D.C.L.I. two days later.

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Although the rains were in full swing, we were fortunate on the whole in escaping the worst showers. We passed "D" Company marching down on the last day's march.

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Ranikhet we find much the same as last year. It may be summed up as "Dances, Pictures and Rain." There is one football ground for four Units. Up to the present we have more than held our own in games with the other Units (1st D.C.L.I. and 1st Worcestershire Regt.). For Officers there is golf at Upat, and little besides.

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On the 9th of August Colonel Sandilands arrived for a three days' visit, to say good-bye to the Detachment. A programme of parades, etc., had been arranged, but the rain was heavier than ever, and made even worse an already sad occasion.

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Colonel Sandilands came round Barracks on the 10th and said Good-bye to the Detachment in the Gymnasium on the 11th, in a speech which we hope and trust will long be remembered by all those present.

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In the evening he dined with the Officers of the Detachment, and left on the morning of the 12th. Some 200 of the Detachment assembled to see him off at the corner of the Post Office. The rain pursued us to the end.

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We fear he must have had an uncomfortable journey, the road being down in two or three places. The day after he left the road was closed altogether by heavy landslides.

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We are now busy training for the forthcoming Boxing, Football, Sports and Cricket competitions.

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We must congratulate Mrs. A—— R—— on winning the prize for the best pair of ankles in Ranikhet, on the occasion of the District Headquarters "At Home," at the Ranikhet Club.

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
23rd September, 1925.

The chief event this month has been our move from Barracks to the hutted camp on Berwick Hill, Ponteland, for nearly three weeks. The excuse was that the Depôt Staff had to fire their annual Musketry Course, and could not fire it successfully in Barracks on the 30 yards range and perform their ordinary duties as well.

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The Camp was a great success from every point of view. Within two days of our arrival everyone felt the benefits of the genuine Northumbrian air, which only reaches us as second-hand in Barracks. There was that atmosphere of fitness and keenness which we can seldom attain in the soot-laden air at home.

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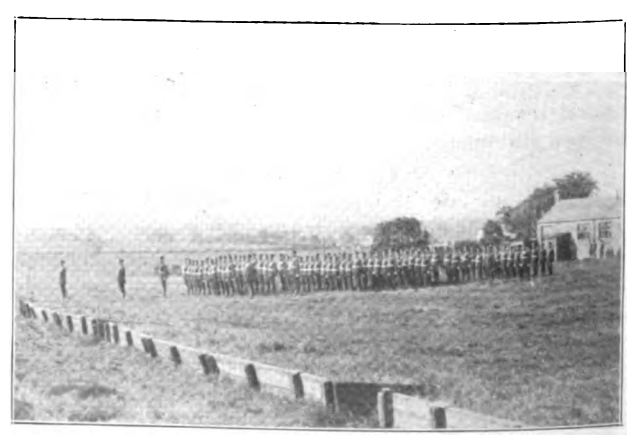
The outstanding features of our time there were the Canteen,



CHURCH PARADE, PONTELAND.

the Athletic Sports, Boxing and Rifle Meeting, and our two Church Parades (that is not necessarily the order of importance).

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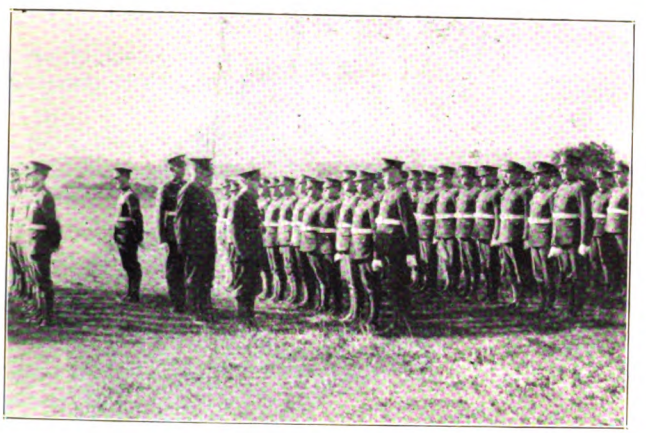

CHURCH PARADE.

great success in staving off the pangs of hunger between tea and breakfast and at other times during the day.

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Special mention must be made of the sports. It has been decided to hold an Inter-Squad Athletic Sports Meeting or Cross Country Run every quarter, Sports in the summer, and Cross Country in the winter, on the same lines as the Inter-Squad Boxing Competition, which has become one of our most cherished customs during the last three or four years.

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Squads will compete for a shield, and also with the Depôt Staff for a cup. It is hoped by this means to find promising athletes before they leave the Depôt, and so assist the home battalion who have had the much harder task of doing so themselves in the past. Thus no time will be lost or promising runners allowed to lapse into obscurity as soon as they leave the Depôt. A man who gets a place in an event here is almost certain to be useful to his company in the Regimental Sports, as a glance at the times, made on a very slippery track at our first meeting, will show.

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The results of the meeting are shown in the games notes, but mention must be made of the excellent spirit which was shown all through from the preliminary heats to the end.

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It was emphasised that every man from the beginning who started in a race must finish it, no matter how far out of the race he might be, and that he must finish as hard as he could.

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Although a certain amount of forceful encouragement was necessary at the beginning to realise this ideal, none was necessary on the day of the finals, when every man ran his best. Perhaps the best event of these sports was the consolation race of about ½ a mile, for which about 12 entered. Although only three places were taken, and no points were to be gained for their Squads, the last man ran just as hard as the first. If all our future meetings are run in the same spirit, we can guarantee no lack of runners for the Regiment in the coming years.

The Inter-Squad Boxing Competition opened disappointingly, the usual spirit being unaccountably absent in many cases. It was put down to the absence on the range of the moral influence of the Squad Commanders, with their terrible thirst for blood, because next night, when they were present, we noticed with relief that the old spirit had returned, and we were confident in the end that we had a really good team to send against the 68th. May Squad had an overwhelming victory, but July (the Junior Squad) produced several promising boxers.

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On both Sundays of our stay the Depôt marched into Ponteland for Divine Service in the ancient Parish Church, in which we were immediately made to feel that we were among friends. Many parishioners gave up their usual seats for us, as we occupied at least half the pews, but we were also made to feel at home by the steel helmet with the red line round the crown hanging on the wall over the War Memorial, and St. George's Flag on the Memorial itself; then the Vicar in his sermon extended a sincere welcome to us, showing, as many other padres of our acquaintance have shown, a close knowledge of our regimental traditions; he also pointed out why we should feel particularly at home in that church, as it had often been filled with Northumbrian soldiers during its long history, from the peace between England and Scotland, which was signed in it, to the last war, when some of our Service battalions—the Tyneside Irish, the 1st—worshipped there before going to France. He next reminded us of the highest side of our profession—Service to our King and Country, and the protection of our heritage as a nation—and we all marched back to camp, especially those with only a few weeks' service, with a very much clearer view of our purpose in life.

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On our first Sunday we were shown our duty towards those who tried to take away our National Birthright, from outside; on the second, our duty towards the enemy within the gates was pointed out. Towards those who to-day, more than ever before, are trying to destroy what our forefathers took so long to build. We marched back on the second Sunday still more clear as to our place in the stream of things, and convinced that we had met someone, free from Militarist or "anti-Militarist" ideas, who knew the real position of the Services in the life of the Empire.

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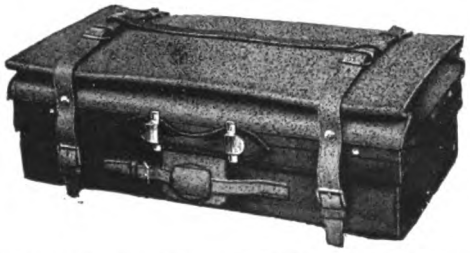

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No. 7211310 Lce.-Sergt. J. McCarthy posted to the Durham University O.T.C. for duty from 6th June, 1925.

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No. 4256074 Sergt. C. Byrne and wife and family posted to 1st Bn. on completion of tour of duty at the Depôt, 31st August, 1925.

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No. 7211059 C.Q.M.S. F. Peak and wife and family posted to 1st Bn. on completion of tour of duty at the Depôt, 6th September, 1925.

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No. 7211926 Cpl. C. Cogan posted to 1st Bn. on completion of tour of duty at the Depôt, 31st August, 1925.

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No. 4256093 C.Q.M.S. W. Carlin, wife and family, joined Depôt for tour of duty, 6th September, 1925.

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The undermentioned joined the Depôt for tour of duty from

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1st Bn. on 1st August, 1925:—No. 4260585 Cpl. R. Mears, No. 4257269 Cpl. J. Robson, No. 4263117 Fus. J. Carver.

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The undermentioned joined the Depôt for tour of duty from 1st Bn., 25th August, 1925:—No. 4263338 Lce.-Cpl. M. Waterhouse, No. 4260360 Fus. E. Knowler, No. 2744907 Fus. T. Mellor.

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No. 4256074 Sergt. C. Byrne, permitted to continue in the Service beyond 21 years to 22nd February, 1927.

SPORTS NOTES.

Results of the Annual Sports, held at Ponteland on 9th September, 1925:—

100 *Yards Flat.*—1st, Lce.-Cpl. Gray (April Squad); 2nd, C.S.M. O'Hara (Depôt Staff); 3rd, Fus. Miller (June Squad). *Time*, 12 1/5th secs.

220 *Yards Flat.*—1st, C.S.M. O'Hara (Depôt Staff); 2nd, Sgt.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Curtis (Depôt Staff); 3rd, Lce.-Cpl. Gray (April Squad). *Time*, 25 2/5th secs.

440 *Yards Flat.*—1st, Sergt. Curtis (Depôt Staff); 2nd, Cpl. Mears (Depôt Staff); 3rd, Fus. Coates (April Squad). *Time*, 55 secs.

880 *Yards Flat.*—1st, Cpl. Ross (May Squad); 2nd, Lce.-Cpl. Whitfield (Depôt Staff); 3rd, Lieut. Forbes Watson (Depôt Staff). *Time*, 2 mins. 35 4/5th secs.

1 *Mile Flat.*—1st, Cpl. Ross (May Squad); 2nd, Lieut. Forbes-Watson (Depôt Staff); 3rd, Fus. Richardson (Depôt Staff). *Time*, 5 mins. 54 secs.

100 *Yards Relay.*—1st Team, Depôt Staff; 2nd, April Squad; 3rd, May Squad; 4th, June Squad. *Time*, 54 secs.

START OF THE 880 YARDS RELAY RACE.

220 *Yards Relay.*—1st Team, Depôt Squad; 2nd, May Squad; 3rd, June Squad; 4th, April Squad. *Time*, 2 mins. 10 4/5th secs,

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440 *Yards Relay*.—1st Team, Depôt Staff; 2nd, April Squad; 3rd, May Squad; 4th, June Squad. *Time*, 4 mins. 48 4/5th secs.

880 *Yards Relay*.—1st Team, May Squad; 2nd, Depôt Staff; 3rd, June Squad; 4th, April Squad. *Time*, 10 mins. 7 2/5th secs.

Medley Relay—220, 220, 440, 880, 440, 220, 220 *Yards*.—1st Team, Depôt Staff; 2nd, May Squad; 3rd, April Squad; 4th, June Squad. *Time*, 6 mins. 21 secs.

440 *Yards Consolation Race*.—1st, Fus. Ransom (May Squad); 2nd, Fus. Chapman (May Squad); 3rd, Fus. Haynes (May Squad).

Children (10 to 14 years).—1st, Boy Richard Brown; 2nd, Boy Leslie Groves (after a dead heat).

Children (5 to 10 years).—1st, Boy David Readhead; 2nd, Nancy O'Hara; 3rd, Alfred Marr.

Children (under 5).—1st, Derrick Carlin; 2nd, Joyce Redhead; 3rd, Peter Carlin.

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A rifle meeting took place at Ponteland on 12th September, 1925, and the following were the results :—

SNAPSHOOTING.

			Score.
Depôt Staff.		Drm. Bond	4 hits.
Recruits.	1	Lce.-Cpl. Canavan	3 ,,
	2	Fus. Rowell	3 ,,

APPLICATION.

Depôt Staff.	1	Lce.-Cpl. Sowerby	19 ,,
	2	Fus. Malton	19 ,,
	3	Fus. C. Nicholson	18 ,,
	4	C.S.M. O'Hara	17 ,,
Recruits.	1	Lce.-Cpl. Shields	18 ,,
	2	Fus. Morrison	18 ,,
	3	Fus. Malia	17 ,,
	4	Fus. Harrison	16 ,,
		Fus. T. Kelly	16 ,,

BATTLE PRACTICE.

Depôt Staff.	1	Cpl. Gelder	3 ,,
Tie for 2nd and 3rd		Sgt. Hart	1 each.
		Lce.-Sgt. Gossage	
		Lce.-Cpl. Wheller	
		Lce.-Cpl. Whitfield	
		Lce.-Cpl. Sowerby	
		Dmr. Southam	
		Fus. Palmer	
		Fus. Southwick	
Recruits.	1	Fus. Burns	2 hits.
	2	Fus. Morrison	2 ,,
Tie for 3rd		Lce.-Cpl. Abbott	1 each.
		Lce.-Cpl. Canavan	
		Lce.-Cpl. Shields	
		Fus. Ford	
		Fus. Lynch	
		Fus. Green	
		Fus. Malia	

POOL BULLS.

Lieut. R. Forbes-Watson	1 hit.
Fus. Cruikshanks	1 ,,
Lce.-Cpl. Sowerby	1 ,,
Cpl. Mears	1 ,,

SCORE SHEET.

INDIVIDUAL RELAYS.

		Score for each.	440 yds.	One Mile	220 yds.	880 yds.	100 yds.	440 yds.	100 yds.	880 yds.	220 yds.	Medley.	Final Position for Cup.	Final Position for Recruits Shield.
Depôt Staff	Event		4.3	3.2	4.3	3.2	3.1	8	8	6	8	8		
	Total		7	12	19	24	28	36	44	50	58	66	1st	
April Squad	Event		2	1	2	—	4	6	6	2	2	4		
	Total		2	3	5	5	9	15	21	23	25	29	3rd	2nd
May Squad	Event		1	4	—	4.1	—	4	4	8	6	6		
	Total		1	5	5	10	10	14	18	26	32	38	2nd	1st
June Squad	Event		—	—	1	—	2	2	2	4	4	2		
	Total		—	—	1	1	3	5	7	11	15	17	4th	3rd

Cup Winners—Depôt Staff.
Shield Winners—May Squad.

Points were allotted as follows :—

Individual races	4, 3, 2 and 1
Relay races	8, 6, 4 and 2

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

On the 24th August the Mess had their annual outing, which was held at Seaton Carew. The weather was all that could be desired, and everyone had a very enjoyable time. Many married members are still wondering why the single members during the journey frequently shouted "Coo-oo Straight Bit," probably late comers from the Rhine could alleviate their feelings.

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We welcome to our fold C.Q.M.S. Carlin and family, and sincerely hope he will be as lively and witty as of old.

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We regret the loss of C.Q.M.S. Peak and Sergt. Byrne on posting to the 1st Bn. We wish them the best of luck and "Bon voyage."

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Great is the excitement in the evenings when the "Spoof School" gets going. Many members are discussing the likelihood of "Spoof" becoming a national pastime.

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The whole of the Depôt having moved to Ponteland on the 29th for 17 days' recuperation, we have had the pleasure of having a Mess of our own. (Some Mess! Sh!!). After getting properly settled down strange things began to occur.

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The "young bloods" having visions of a roving commission, permission was obtained to go "big game hunting."

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The second night in camp saw a nicely assorted trio—to wit, Messrs. Hart, Brown and Sausage—proceeding to the haunts of unwary but wiley rabbits (known as Ponteland sand rats). "Rather different to shooting bears on the Ganges, Knobby."

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All the remaining members in camp were discussing the prospects of bunny pie for dinner on the morrow.

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But, alas! at 9.30 p.m. the wanderers returned, having only seen a water rat, which they failed to exterminate.

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The following evening the opposition party (Curt and Co.) did likewise, not even having seen a rat.

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The above occurred in succession on several evenings, and eventually the "stay-at-homes" wondered whether the "dead-eyes" did actually go "grub-hunting," or ! !——

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At last "game" was sighted in large numbers. The opposition party proceeded to the field of action, and discovered lonesome Mr. Bunny having a nap.

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With all their Recruit Musketry Training in mind, aim was taken, the trigger gently squeezed, and poor Bunny was no more. A "Bearer" who was roaming near at hand was commandeered and bunny was sent home.

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That being the first bag by shooting, the opposition party did rejoice, and with much "swank" offered to give their opponents extra instruction in the art of shooting.

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The following day saw two distinct parties of bunny-busters

A CORNER OF THE SERGEANTS' MESS, PONTELAND.

proceed towards "no-man's-land." "More visions of posh dinners."

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The parties were (Tommy, Topper and Sausage) and (Brown, D'Orey).

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The first-named were fairly successful, bagging a hare and two rabbits; the last-named returned home with a small tail which originally belonged to a field mouse—what they had been up to we will leave the reader to judge.

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During our sojourn in camp one or two questions have "cropped up" which we are unable to answer. No prize will be given for correct solutions.

(1) Is it correct to hold a rabbit by its tail when endeavouring to break its neck, thereby causing its tail to become disengaged from its body? (Demonstrated by T. Hart.)

(2) Is it policy to use "fire with movement" when chasing a hare? (As demonstrated by E. Brown, Esq.)

(3) Whether mistaking a water rat for a rabbit is caused by eating too many Canteen suppers or over-indulgence in fresh fish?

Verily I should say we are having a right topping time; but, alas ! ! ! All squad instructors and the "T.C." are in fear of suffering partial paralysis. Every evening one can see them flying around huts endeavouring to escape the clutches of fierce-looking mobs of men who repeatedly chant, "Any blue lights, Sergeant?" Rather hard on the instructors, I think, but we had better refer them to the gentleman who enquired for "Blue Lights" at 11.30 one night, and the canteen was closed and correct—at least the D.O.S. said so.

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We should be greatly obliged if the originators of the following could enlighten us as to its meaning:—"One up on Tut Tut." It may have been taken from "Tutenkamen's tomb," but we are rather anxious about it.

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We had a flying visit from Sergt. Phillips when he conducted the draft for India from the Rhine. He proceeded straight on leave after completing his duty, having something better in view than remaining at the Depôt.

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

22nd September, 1925.

Our annual outing to Marsden took place on the 26th August. It was intended that we should spend the day at Seaton Carew, but owing to the funds not being available our wish for a long char-a-bang trip was frustrated.

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However, in spite of the rain and dismal weather, all those who attended managed to put in a good day, and as the married members did not bring their wives and families members were free to roam, and many spent the afternoon in Sunderland.

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Rumour has it that one member distinguished himself attempting to learn the ladies to swim in the mixed bathing pool, and he couldn't swim himself. Who was it?

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Who is the P.T. Staff Wallah likely to be arrested any day for "kidnapping"? ? Oh! those Roker Sands.

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We have to welcome Corporals Mears and Robson, Lce.-Cpls. Taylor and Waterhouse to the fold on posting to the Depôt for a tour of duty, and trust their tour may be successful.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE,
23rd September, 1925.

The most important event of the month has been the payment of bounties.

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This annual event marks the commencement of a period of comparative inactivity in the life of the Territorial soldier, which is only ended when the Winter Training Programme commences at the end of the year.

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At the end of last month the Adjutant, Capt. R. Wood, and Mr. Gibson attended a Practice "C" Scheme at Catterick, conducted by the Divisional Staff.

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The Officers taking part in the exercise were accommodated

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at the King's Head Hotel at Richmond. Many readers who have previously suffered from this complaint will welcome the news that the hostel in question has recently been partly re-decorated.

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On behalf of all ranks of the Battalion we offer Capt. and Mrs. Wood our very best wishes for their future health and happiness.

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Mr. Gibson went to Lichfield on 15th September for his examination for promotion—subject "A," and emerged from the ordeal covered with glory.

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On 3rd October, the C.O. and several other Officers are going to Harrogate for a Divisional Tactical Exercise.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

Our usual scribe having for the moment laid aside his pen and "in braw new breeks wi' a gowden ring gaed to the kirk," we perforce have had to take it up and carry on.

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We add the collective congratulations to our individual ones in wishing him every happiness on the occasion of his marriage.

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We even burst into verse:—

Good luck we wish to Captain Wood
And spouse through many winters;
We hope in time to wish as good
Luck to the little "splinters."

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One of the pleasantest parades of the year has taken place this month—Bounty Parade. There were no absentees. This is a great blessing in this district, hard hit as we are by the prevailing unemployment; we have the satisfaction of knowing that this is neither a dole nor a charity, but money well earned and deserved.

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Forgive us if, under the deep feeling on this subject, we again break out:—

In fives and threes, and two pounds ten,
The captains pay non-coms. and men;
But often think a little sum
They would not scorn as honorarium.

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An Officers' Mess Dinner was held at Newburn on 29th August, as a trial run to see how the facilities for messing there would work. Everything was excellent, except the attendance, which was d——ble. We must congratulate the Mess-Sergeant and his staff for the splendid way they did their job.

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We wish Lieut. Gibson, M.C., success in his examination which he is now attending. May he defeat the examiners collectively and in detail.

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Our Mr. Todd, though quite a recent recruit, has already left us for twelve months. His business has taken him down to Kent, where we hear he has already proved his keenness by attaching himself to the local regiment.

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Attention is directed to our matrimonial column, a new feature which we hope will do all that is required of it.

EXTRACTS FROM THE NEW MILITARY VOCABULARY PUBLISHED BY NEWBURN MILITARY ACADEMY.

1. *Adjutant*—we will tell you in confidence.
2. *Brass Hat*—appears at the most inconvenient times.
3. *Chit*—a legitimate means of back-chat.
4. *Champion Cup*—a source of great worry to Company Commanders, but has the advantage of holding two quarts.
5. *Allendale*—dryest place in England.
6. *Sergeants' Mess*—wettest place in England.
7. *Old Soldiers*—everyone knows what they are.
8. *Section*—something that mustn't be split.

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OUR MATRIMONIAL COLUMN.

In view of the large number of weddings taking place in the Battalion, we hasten, with or without permission, to get the remaining officers married off to get things evened up.

1. LONELY CAPTAIN.—6 ft. 6 ins. high, has fits of depression when all alone by the telephone. Would like to meet nice young lady also with telephone, with view to attestation.—Apply N. OBBIE, Prudhoe.
2. YOUNG LIEUTENANT.—Scotch; fine figure of a man, 15 stone, would like to meet young lady who does not object to a man taking "one" or even "two." Widow with public house preferred. Would be very constant to latter, with view to marriage.—Apply MCNOGGIN, Newburn.
3. VERY YOUNG.—2nd-Lieutenant—little money, but good prospects—would like to meet sporting girl with view to social alliance (matrimony would be considered in the case of lady with £10,000 and good ankles). Enclose photo.—Apply, A. T. ODD, Newburn.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Congratulations to R.S.M. and Mrs. S. C. Clarke on the arrival of a son.

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Congratulations to Capt. R. Wood having taken unto himself a wife. We wish them every happiness.

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It is very much in evidence that the Officer Commanding "X" Company has broken the ice, his C.Q.M.S. has taken the first steps towards matrimony. It is also rumoured that a certain C.S.M. of "X" Company has been seen in company with the fair sex.

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As we have now entered for the various leagues which are being run by the Amalgamated Sergeants' Association, it is hoped that all members will co-operate and give every assistance to the Entertainment Committee, in turning up when selected to represent the Mess in any of these competitions.

5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,
September, 1925.

Two events of major importance have taken place since the last notes were written—the Battalion Rifle Meeting and the Sports Meeting. The results will be found elsewhere.

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The Commanding Officer has returned from his attachment

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to the 2nd Bn. Dorset Regiment, and seems to have had a very good time marching and "fighting" round Hampshire.

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We all congratulate Capt. Carlile on passing his "C" examination from captain to major. It seems to have been a very comprehensive examination, covering every known principle of war.

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Two new Officers have joined us within the last month or two—A. C. Spencer and G. E. Vardy. We heartily welcome them both to the fold.

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We are still the strongest Battalion in the Brigade, being the only one still over 600, but no doubt we shall "drop" below this figure shortly, as a good many N.C.O.'s become due for discharge at this time of the year.

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The Commanding Officer, Captains Fairweather and Leete are off to Harrogate on the 2nd October for a Divisional Tactical Exercise; they will no doubt renew their acquaintance with the old "haunts" that were so well patronised during Annual Training at Ripon last year.

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We were all very pleased to note how well the 1st Bn. has done in the Rhine Army Sports, also the 2nd Bn. in various "contests" in India.

SPORTS, 1925.

Held on the 149th Infantry Brigade Recreation Ground, Walker, on Saturday, 5th September, 1925.

100 *Yards.*—1st, Fus. J. Wilson, "A" Coy., prize value 20s.; 2nd, Sgt. J. Robson, "A" Coy., prize value 15s.; 3rd, Fus. A. Wilson, H.Q. Coy., prize value 10s.

One Mile.—1st, Lieut. N. K. Worters (no prize taken), prize value 20s., handed over to 2nd, Lce.-Cpl. G. Lane, "C" Coy.; 3rd, Sgt. J. Robson, "A" Coy., prize value 15s.; 4th, Lce.-Sgt. W. Murray, "C" Coy., prize value 10s.

220 *Yards.*—1st, Fus. J. Wilson, "A" Coy., prize value 20s.; 2nd, Sgt. J. Robson, "A" Coy., prize value 15s.; 3rd, Fus. Wilson, H.Q. Coy., prize value 10s.

440 *Yards.*—1st, Fus. A. Wilson, H.Q. Coy., prize value 20s.; 2nd, Lce.-Cpl. W. Patterson, "B" Coy., prize value 15s.; 3rd, Lce.-Sgt. W. Murray, "C" Coy., prize value 10s.

Half Mile.—1st, Lieut. N. K. Worters, "A" Coy. (no prize taken), prize value 20s., handed over to 2nd, Lce.-Cpl. G. Lane, "C" Coy., prize value 15s.; 3rd, Fus. Wilson, "A" Coy., prize value 10s.

Open Relay Race—Teams of 4 (open to all Units in the Northumbrian Area).—Won by 5th Fusiliers, Depôt Team, prize value 40s. Team as follows:—C.S.M. J. O'Hara, Sgt. S. Curtis, Cpl. G. Ross, Lce.-Cpl. R. Gray. 2nd, 5th Bn. Northd. Fusiliers (T.A.); 3rd, 6th Bn. Northd. Fusiliers (T.A.); 4th, Northd. Hussars (Yeomanry).

Obstacle Race.—1st, Fus. T. W. Charlton, "D" Coy., prize value 10s.; 2nd, Bdmn. D. Dumble, H.Q. Coy., prize value 5s.; 3rd, Bdmn. Capstaff, H.Q. Coy., prize value 2s. 6d.

Three-legged Race.—1st, Bdmn. Gillan and Bdmn. Capstaff, H.Q. Coy., prize value 10s.; 2nd, Bdmn. Black and Bdmn. Dumble, H.Q. Coy., prize value 5s.

Company Relay Race.—Won by "A" Company team as below:—Lieut. N. K. Worters, Sgt. J. Robson, Cpl. A. Crowe, Lce.-Cpl. N. Ripley, prize value 40s. 2nd, "C" Coy.

Blindfold Squad Drill.—Won by Battalion Sergeants' Mess Squad, as below:—R.S.M. Tyrrell, C.S.M. Martin, C.Q.M.S. Hutchinson, Sgt.-Dmr. Maughan, Sgt. E. Robson, Sgt. A. Black, Sgt. Atkinson, prize value 22s. 6d.

Long Jump.—1st, Capt. W. H. Leete, D.F.C. (no prize taken), prize value 10s., handed over to 2nd, Fus. E. W. Thompson, H.Q. Coy.; 3rd, Fus. F. W. Todd, "C" Coy., prize value 5s.

High Jump.—1st, Fus. E. W. Thompson, H.Q. Coy., prize value 10s.; 2nd, Fus. F. W. Todd, "C" Coy., prize value 5s.

Tug-of-War (teams of 8).—Won by "D" Coy. team, as below:—Lieut. G. Ellis, C.S.M. Martin, C.Q.M.S. Hutchinson, Fus. F. Joicey, Fus. Burke, Fus. Graham, Fus. S. Brown, Fus. T. W. Charlton. Prize value 40s.

Band Race.—1st, Bdmn. W. Black, prize value 12s. 6d.; 2nd, Bdmn. J. Gillan, prize value 7s. 6d.

Children's Races (prizes to the value of 40s. for children over 10 and under 10 years of age).—Won by competitors as below:—

Boys over 10.—1st, Patrick Graydon; 2nd, Albert Bailey.

Girls over 10.—1st, Isabel Speed; 2nd, Jane Young; 3rd, Nellie Griggs.

Boys under 10.—1st, George Tyrrell; 2nd, Thomas Cummings.

Girls under 10.—1st, Eva Ritchie; 2nd, Eva Mellish; 3rd, Emma Griggs.

The Colonel McDonald Cup offered for the Company with the highest aggregate number of points was won by "A" Coy.

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Weather.—Fine.

Sports Committee.—Colonel Arnold Irwin, D.S.O., T.D.; Capt. T. A. Johnson, Capt. T. A. Herdman, Lieut. F. H. Phillips, Lieut. N. K. Worters, R.S.M. S. Tyrrell, C.S.M. E. Coppick.

Officer i/c Ground.—Lieut. N. K. Worters.

Judges.—Capt. C. W. Fairweather; Capt. W. H. Leete, D.F.C., C.S.M. E. Coppick.

Starters.—Capt. T. A. Herdman, 2nd-Lieut. R. H. Rooksby.

ANNUAL BATTALION RIFLE MEETING.

			PRIZE.	COY.	SCORE.
1. *Recruits' Cup.*					
1st Prize.	2nd-Lieut. A. C. Spencer		Cup	"D"	18
2nd Prize.	Fus. J. Lee		Value 20 -	"B"	16
	2nd-Lieut. H. H. Davidson			"C"	15
	Fus. T. Danlop		Value 15 -	"D"	15
3rd Prize	Fus. F. Johnson		" 10 -	"B"	14
4th, 5th	Fus. W. Campbell			"A"	13
6th and	Fus. L. Graham		20 -	"C"	13
7th Prizes	Fus. T. Fenley			"C"	13
divided.	Fus. J. Fenley			"C"	13
2. *Old Soldiers.*					
	Capt. T. A. Carlile		Cup	H.Q.	19
	Capt. E. W. Thompson			H.Q.	19
1st and	C.Q.M.S. J. Hutchinson		35 -	"D"	19
2nd Prizes	Sgt. H. Wiles			"D"	19
3rd Prize.	Sgt. J. H. Cross		7 6	"D"	18
	Lieut. T. A. Anderson			"A"	18
	Sgt. C. J. Feeney			"D"	18

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3. *Sergeants' S.A. Cup.*

1st Prize.	R.S.M. S. Tyrrell ..	Cup and 25/-	"P.S."	15
2nd and 3rd Prizes	C.Q.M.S. J. Hutchinson	30/-	"D"	14
	Sgt. R. Patterson		"B"	14
4th Prize.	C.S.M. L. R. Bramley	7/6	"P.S."	13
	Sgt. J. Wallace		"A"	13
	Sgt. J. Robson		"A"	13

4. *Battalion Challenge Shell.*

1st Prize.	C.Q.M.S. J. Hutchinson	Shell and 40/-	"D"	61
	Capt. T. A. Carlile		H.Q.	60
	2nd-Lieut. T. E. Anderson ..		"A"	58
	Capt. W. H. Leete, D.F.C. ..		"D"	56
2nd Prize.	Sgt. A. Black	25/-	H.Q.	55
3rd Prize.	Sgt. J. H. Cross	20/-	"D"	54
4th, 5th and 6th Prizes	C.S.M. W. E. Martin	30/-	"D"	52
	Sgt. C. J. Feeney		"D"	52
	Fus. W. Wilson		H.Q.	52

5. *Rapid Firing Cup.*

	2nd-Lieut. T. E. Anderson ..	Cup	"A"	15
	Capt. W. H. Leete, D.F.C. ..		"D"	15
1st and 2nd Prizes	C.Q.M.S. J. Hutchinson	45/-	"D"	14
	Sgt. R. Patterson		"B"	14
	Capt. T. A. Carlile		H.Q.	13
3rd, 4th, and 5th Prizes	Sgt. J. Wallace	33/-	"A"	13
	Sgt. J. Robson		"A"	13
	Fus. W. Weir		"A"	13

6. *Reid's Sectional Challenge Cup.*

Won by Headquarters Wing Team, as below :— Capt. T. A. Carlile, C.Q.M.S. B. McCowie, Sgt. A. Black, Lce.-Sgt. R. Smith, Lce.-Cpl. J. Patterson, Fus. T. Stapylton, Fus. W. Campbell, Fus. J. Wilson—Cup and 7/6 each member of Team 179

2nd, "D" Coy., 176; 3rd, "B" Coy., 147; 4th, "A" Coy., 132; 5th, "C" Coy., 97.

7. *Field Firing Cup.*

Won by "D" Company No. 1 Team—Cup and 10/- each man of winning team, as below :—Capt. W. E. Leete, D.F.C.; C.S.M. W. E. Martin, C.Q.M.S. J. Hutchinson, Sgt. J. H. Cross, Sgt. C. J. Feeney.

Runners-up Team—"B" Coy. No. 1 Team—5/- each man. Runners-up team as below :- Capt. T. A. Herdman, Sgt. R. Patterson, Sgt. J. Biggerstaff, Lce.-Sgt. T. Harwood, Fus. F. Johnson.

8. *Long Distance Cup.*

1st Prize.	Sgt. A. Black ..	Cup and 25/-	H.Q.	29
2nd and 3rd Prizes divided	Capt. T. A. Carlile	30/-	H.Q.	28
	C.Q.M.S. J. Hutchinson		"D"	28
	Fus. W. Wilson		H.Q.	28
4th Prize.	Sgt. C. J. Feeney	7/6	"D"	26
	Sgt. J. Biggerstaff		"B"	26
	Lce.-Sgt. T. Harwood		"B"	26
	Fus. J. Fenley		"C"	26

9. *Past and Present Members' Competition.*

1st Prize.	Sgt. A. Black	20/-	H.Q.	29
2nd Prize	Capt. T. A. Carlile	12/6	H.Q.	28
	C.Q.M.S. J. Hutchinson		"D"	28
	Fus. W. Wilson		H.Q.	28

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
25th September, 1925.

Although the month of September is one of repose for the Territorial soldier, and the time is seized by the members of the Permanent Staff to seek, and, we hope, enjoy the leave extended to them by the Powers-that-be, who appear to grasp the "quantum" almost as effectively as the members of the English Bench and Bar, nevertheless to the Regular soldier September has been a month of intense and agonising exertion.

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Our C.O. availed himself of the opportunity of attachment to the 1st Bn. Welsh Guards during part of their training, and the following account of his impressions will, we feel sure, be of interest to all :—

"The writer had the privilege of being attached to the 1st Bn. of the Welsh Guards during a portion of their Brigade and Divisional training as part of the 4th Guards Brigade and the Second Division.

"The Brigade was encamped at Basingstoke, and the operations were carried out over the undulating country situate between Basingstoke and Alton, which lies between the altitude of 100 and 700 feet above the sea level. The other Brigades composing the Division were encamped in the vicinity of Alton, a distance of 10 miles, and Alresford, a distance of 13 miles from Basingstoke, so that it will readily be seen that marches of 20 miles in the course of 24 hours were the ordinary routine in carrying out Divisional training, and on one occasion a Brigade which carried out an encircling movement certainly marched 30 miles.

"The Guards are young troops, and a comparatively small proportion of the rank and file have seen War Service; they only do 3 years' service with the Colours, so that they have considerably less time than the soldier in the line to learn the multifarious duties imposed upon them. Their cleanliness is proverbial, and I will not speak of it more than to remark on the horror of an officer who witnessed a cook who had marched behind a smoking cooker for 7 hours, and was consequently as black with grime as only a cook can be.

"In the Welsh Guards probably three-fourths of the recruits come from Wales, and therefore it is not possible to have a Battalion of consistently tall men, so that the tall men are placed in the outer Companies and the short men in the inner Companies. This disparity in height does not prevent the Battalion as a whole from having extraordinary marching powers. The step of the outer Companies appears at first sight to be considerably slower than that of a line regiment, but the pace is very much longer, and it is surprising what ground they can cover. On one occasion the writer timed them doing an advance guard, and they covered 7 miles at the rate of 4¼ miles an hour without any halt whatever, and were launched into the attack without rest of any kind. And in the course of one operation, the Irish Guards did an advanced guard, outposts, a withdrawal by night through the main defensive zone, and wound up with a counter attack which earned the unstinted praise of the Divisional Commander. It will be understood that the purpose of Brigade and Divisional training is to practice the units composing those formations in working together smoothly, and therefore the comments of the higher command at the conferences after operations are largely restricted to matters bearing on those points, and it would be quite possible for a Battalion or a Company to execute a brilliant manœuvre (or the reverse) almost unnoticed. The writer saw for himself several examples which convinced him that the Brigade was made up of very highly trained troops. In particular, the speed at which everything is done was most impressive.

"Orders would be received for action whilst the Battalion was on the line of march; the Commanding Officer would read his map as he rode, and give his orders to the Company Commanders by his side almost at the trot; they would go back to

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their Companies and the deployment would begin almost without more delay than was required to take the Lewis guns off the limbers. This does not mean that the Junior Commanders were left in ignorance of what was going on: every operation was most carefully explained to them, and their quickness in carrying out the orders was due to good education and intelligent map reading. To manœuvre in enclosed country of this nature is the greatest test of map reading. The fences are in many cases 15 or 16 feet high and 5 or 6 feet thick, and some of the woods have an area of a square mile and are of irregular shape and great density. In movements across country a moment's slackness in map reading may cause a loss of direction: a bound to be overstepped or a boundary to be left uncovered. On one occasion, when the Battalion was deployed in defensive positions and had received orders to move back, the Battalion headquarters and the reserve Companies had started off down the road within three minutes of the reading of the order by the Signalling Officer, and the other Companies were a very little way behind them; thus the leisurely conferences of C.O.'s with their Company Commanders and of Company Commanders with Platoon Commanders and Section Commanders, to which we are accustomed, and which are necessary in the Territorial Army, often become an impossibility when the Brigade is on the move. This is not to say that conferences are unnecessary, but the time demanded of the Company Commanders in coming to and from Headquarters to receive verbal orders must be cut down as much as possible, and on their side they must instinctively know certain times when they are liable to be sent for to receive orders for fresh operations, and at these times must not be absent from their Headquarters—*e.g.*, two or three hours after dusk, when the Divisional Commander has had time to receive his reports and there has been time for his orders to be transmitted through the Brigade Commander to the Battalion.

"In the operations which I saw, the machine guns were never brigaded, so that great responsibility in reconnaissance fell upon the Battalion Machine Gun Officer. In moving warfare it is often impossible for a Commanding Officer to reconnoitre the whole of the ground allotted to him from the point of view of the machine guns before provisionally allotting the frontages to his Companies, as the dispositions must be made from the map, so that the duty of the Machine Gun Officer often resolves itself into that of finding the most suitable role available for him in support of the tasks allotted by the Battalion Commander to the Companies, the re-adjustment of frontages and areas being carried out when there has been time and daylight for more careful machine gun reconnaissance. I once found a machine gunner without a range card, but he assured me it was being drawn by his colleague from the other side of a haystack.

"On a point of minor tactics, I noticed that short rushes by men exposed to fire were definitely abandoned; the principle adopted being that, if the enemy fire can be kept under by covering fire from our own side, then the riflemen may advance at an ordinary pace; otherwise they must seek to manœuvre under cover or remain still.

"It is surprising to find that the Divisions composing the Expeditionary Force have not their full complement of transport; each Company has a half limber, the rear limber being fitted with shafts so that it can be drawn by a mule; but there is no G.S. wagon, so that the Company's half limber has to take not only the Lewis guns but also the men's blankets and officers' kit, which leaves little room to spare, even though no S.A.A. be carried. Only 3 cookers are provided, which means that the Battalion Headquarters staff has to spend an undue proportion of its time in arranging to feed the Companies. The transport drivers were evidently first-rate men; they would leave the B. Echelon controlled by the Staff Captain at dusk and arrive at Battalion Headquarters about 1½ hours after dusk, would carry tea round to two Companies, which would probably take two hours through woods and forests, and start on another round at 3 a.m., so as to issue cocoa and feed the men a second time and be clear of the fighting troops before dawn, and so back to refilling point to draw more supplies.

"The unexpired portion of the day's rations, which is generally a myth, was provided at an expense to the P.R.I. of some £15 a day, and was carefully divided into two separate portions and issued in separate packages so that every man could have some food both at night and in the morning, even if the regimental transport failed to make its way over the narrow and congested country roads, which were very steep, and the surface of which was often a mass of loose flints.

"With regard to the artillery, the pack batteries, whose guns are generally hauled on limbers, accompanied the infantry and, taking advantage of the enclosed country, were often able to reach the front line and come into action with phenomenal speed, and, according to the umpires, good results. The field artillery, on the other hand, were in that country almost powerless to carry out their normal role as the F.O.O.'s often found it impossible to observe their targets. The most useful method of utilising guns, therefore, in such country, is to push sections of field guns up with the forward troops in readiness to engage tanks, and this was done on several occasions.

"The tanks are truly terrifying monsters, and, if the country be open, it is difficult to say what the infantry can do against them beyond shooting at their eyeslits with a view to checking their progress and making them an easier target for the guns. I saw the tanks go through a wood with little difficulty, but, on the other hand, they would often require to make use of roads where it would be possible to dig a slantwise trench to check their progress and so enable stout-hearted foot soldiers to board them at close quarters to put them out of action. I saw the tanks once used for a night attack, and the result was disastrous for the tanks, who found a difficulty in avoiding impassable obstacles such as boggy ground in the dark.

"The aeroplanes flew at what often seemed to be an unduly low altitude, and on some occasions reconnoitred before zero, which made their task of observation easier. There is no difficulty in concealing troops from aeroplanes when they are at rest in close country, if the importance of concealment is impressed upon the transport drivers, runners and suchlike people. On the move, it must be taken that troops can always be spotted, unless the circumstances are exceptional, so that movements to effect surprise must be carried out by night. Intervals of 50 yards were ordered on the march between Companies, between sections of artillery, and between every 4 transport vehicles, with a view to facilitating concealment and lessening congestion, but these intervals caused grave delay if it became necessary to issue orders for a rapid deployment.

"There were small bodies of cavalry with the Division, and it was evident that in open warfare in this kind of country Divisional cavalry is essential. It is impossible for the infantry advance guards to leave the roads, and the infantry must rely on having more mobile protective troops to their front and flanks. This point was in part met by the issue of an allowance from the training grant to permit of the hire of 13 cycles per Battalion, which proved of great value. Infantry must now be particularly alive to the blocking of all roads giving access

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to their positions or line of march against armoured cars and tanks, and a whole Company is soon dispersed in these protective duties. An Armoured Car Officer contended at one conference (but not forcibly) that the driver of an armoured car would have the courage to charge a farm cart or a limber and would get through. However that may be, a slantwise trench across the road would effectually stop his progress.

"This note will contain much that is trite to officers and men with war service, and I offer the 'old soldiers' an apology, hoping that the note will be of interest to the younger generation who knew not the war."

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD.

September, 1925.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924. 10/- each.

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Subscriptions due in October:—

Mrs. O. Redwood — Lieut. G. H. Bolster

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

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Major-Gen. F. L. Festing, C.M.G.
Mrs. Hartford (2nd Bn.)
The Editor, "Memories"
Lt.-Col. H. W. Warwick

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly General Meeting will be held at Headquarters, at 7 p.m., on 7th October; also at 8.15 p.m. the first of this season's social functions, in the nature of a Dance, will take place. A cordial welcome is extended.

Arrangements have been made to hold our 3rd Annual Re-Union Dinner at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on Armistice Night, 11th November, 1925. Tickets, 6s. each.

A Dinner Committee has been formed, and comprises:—Mr. J. A. Arnold (*Chairman*), Mr. H. I. Morgan (*Hon. Secretary*), Mr. P. Maydon (*Hon. Treasurer*), Mr. W. Lees and Mr. G. Redhead (*members*).

The Management of Anderton's Hotel have pointed out that a larger room is the only one available, for which a guarantee of 120 has been given. The Committee, having in view the splendid success of last year's Re-Union, coupled with our increased membership, feel sure that with the co-operation of members this number will be reached, and quite possibly exceeded.

As it is desired to know as early as possible of those who wish to attend, a deposit of any amount will be accepted; also if it would be more convenient to them, members may pay for tickets by instalments in the manner best suited to themselves.

Applications for tickets should be made to Mr. P. Maydon, "Wilhelmstall," 58, Tolworth Park Road, Surbiton, Surrey, not later than 31st October, 1925; or for further particulars to Mr. H. I. Morgan, 224, Huntingfield Road, Roehampton, S.W.15.

NOTICE.

THE 149TH (NORTHUMBERLAND) INFANTRY BRIGADE ANNUAL DINNER CLUB.

The Seventh Annual Dinner of the above Club will take place at Messrs. Tilley's Rooms, Blackett Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Friday, the 30th day of October, 1925, at 7.30 p.m. Members wishing to attend can obtain tickets, price 15s. (inclusive of 5s. annual subscription), from the Hon. Secretary, Major G. E. Wilkinson, M.C., No. 1, Mosley Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Letter to the Editor.

8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
30th September, 1925.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st July and 30th September, 1925, as follows:—

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Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT (Lt.-Col.),
Secretary and Treasurer.

WAR OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W. 1.
9th September, 1925.

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ADJUTANTS TO SENIOR CONTINGENTS.

It is pointed out in an Army Council Instruction that as the number of officers of the Regular Army at present noted for employment as adjutants to contingents of the Officers Training Corps is very small, it would appear that the fact that officers may register their names for such appointments does not appear to be widely known. Names of officers desirous of being registered for one of these appointments should be submitted through the usual channels.

TRUTHFUL.

He was doomed to failure all his life. He either told the truth too religiously, or said the wrong thing.

It began when he got his first job as office boy. He hadn't been there long when his employer looked up from an important letter, and said irritably:

"Don't whistle at your work, boy!"

"I ain't working, sir," he replied; "I'm only whistling."

Motoring Hint.—Wear a large hat instead of a cap. A hat protects your ears as you go through the windshield.

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER.

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31st October, 1925.

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BIRTH.

GATEHOUSE.—At Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 26th September, to Dorothy, wife of Captain G. J. W. Gatehouse, 5th Fusiliers—a son.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Capt. C. Chipper, M.C., is restd. to the estabt. (dated 15th Sept.).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. D. E. Rowe, Res. of Off., to be 2nd-Lieut. (dated 24th Oct.).

6th Batt.—Quartermaster and Capt. J. R. Johnson retires, on attaining the age limit for retirement, and retains his rank (dated 31st October). W. G. Ouzman to be Quartermaster, with the rank of Lieutenant (dated 31st October).

Obituary.

LIEUT.-COL. A. W. RICKMAN, D.S.O.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the tragic death of Colonel Arthur Rickman, D.S.O., who died on 16th October, from injuries received in an accident at his residence, Coombe Bissett, Wiltshire. Apparently Colonel Rickman had put his car in his garage, and on stepping out of it his clothing got caught in the flywheel of his electric light engine, and he was drawn into the machinery and so injured that he died before help could reach him.

Lt.-Col. Arthur Wilmot Rickman was born in September, 1874, the son of the late General William Rickman, of Barkham, Berkshire.

He was educated at Winchester College. In 1897 he was gazetted to the 5th Fusiliers and served with them during the South African War, 1899–1902, and was awarded the Queen's Medal with 3 Clasps and the

LIEUT.-COL. A. W. RICKMAN, D.S.O.

King's Medal with 2 Clasps. He became a Captain in 1901, and retired in that rank in 1909. He served throughout the European War and was transferred to the 11th Battalion East Lancashire Regt., which he commanded. He was twice wounded ; was four times mentioned in despatches and received the D.S.O. and Bar.

He was known and loved in the Regiment for his charm of manner and habitual cheerfulness, and we tender our sincerest sympathy to those whom he leaves to bear the shock of his so sudden end and to mourn his loss.

AMERICAN SONG WRITERS.

A census discloses there are about 5,000,000 persons in this country who can neither read nor write. What is particularly a mystery is why they have all taken up song-writing.

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Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

COLOGNE,

October, 1925.

The usual transformation which takes place in the Battalion about this time of the year has duly been effected.

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From the point of view of the writer of these notes, it seems but a day or two ago when, with a sigh of satisfaction at the fact that he could rest for another month, he completed his ruminations on manœuvres ; whereas, in actual fact, manœuvres are dead and buried long since, and we have settled down to our winter training, when things are supposed to slacken off a bit—but do they really slacken off ? What about the individual who is left, perhaps, as one of two officers in his company, who does orderly officer about once a week, spends two complete days a week on the range with musketry casuals, is

SEEN ON MANŒUVRES.

in charge of regimental football or hockey, on the Mess Committee, runs his company games, plays something for the regiment, all in addition to his normal day's work, and perhaps does a tactical scheme as a higher form of amusement ?

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And later, no doubt, when G.H.Q. have quite recovered from manœuvres, we shall have numerous winter lectures, which "all officers not on duty will attend."

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Many are the problems which beset the company officer when, being left in barracks with a handful of men, he is required in the space of a few days to produce :—

(*a*) Lance-Corporals or Fusiliers suitable for a course on the training cadre ;
(*b*) a typist for the Quartermaster's office ;
(*c*) a waiter for the Intelligence Corps Mess ;
(*d*) a G.H.Q. guard once or twice a week ;

and to see to the individual training of his company in rifle, Lewis gun, bomb, etc., etc., so that they may be more proficient next year than this.

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From all of which it will be seen that we have quite settled down to our normal winter programme.

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Colonel Herbert, Capt. Rushbrooke, Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt, Mr. Butterfield and Mr. Parsons are all on leave, having departed at various times during the month.

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The haste with which Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt and Mr. Parsons made off, immediately after manœuvres, was almost indecent. Capt. Rushbrooke remained long enough to settle an old score with the examiners in Law in the promotion examinations, and then retired from the scene.

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Major Critchley-Salmonson managed to combine a very little leave with a course on the Interpretation of Aerial Photographs. His car was granted leave of absence after manœuvres, as a rest cure, and spent it at Brussels, being furbished up, doubtless, for fresh activities in the town. Hence the alleged disappearance during the past three weeks of that strained and anxious look on the faces of the half-million or so inhabitants.

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Mr. Newstead and Mr. Jones have both gone on courses in England—the former on a Provost Course, and the latter on a Machine Gun Course. If the amount of hard work they both put in in anticipation of their courses is any indication, they should neither of them have any difficulty in getting a "D."

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A certain amount of Rugger has been played lately, all in scratch sides picked up from the various units in the Rhine Army.

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The following have appeared at various times :—Captains Buckley and Pemberton ; Lieutenants Crawhall, Kilgour, Butterfield, Beckwith, Carr-Ellison, Bland and Yorke. Apart from the facts that it is very good exercise, and that, to the enthusiast, rugger is seldom unenjoyable, there is not a great deal of satisfaction to be gained from these games, because one never plays in the same side twice. A Regimental Rugger team playing matches regularly, is a thing much more to be desired, but difficult to get here, where we have no suitable ground of our own, and when the other winter games, soccer, hockey, etc., take up so much time. With a little practice and better facilities we should be able to get quite a good regimental side together, and we have entered for the Army Cup at home, the rugger authorities there having very kindly given us a bye in the first round.

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The Soccer League is in full swing. So far we have defeated the Manchester Regt. and the Royal Engineers, lost to the Royal Artillery, and drawn with the York and Lancaster Regt. Unlike last year, there is this year no close season when units can all send their football teams on leave at once, so we had to decide this year whether it was better to let our players go on leave with their companies, and so run the chance of never having a really full team out the whole winter, or send them all on leave as early as possible in order that we might have them back in good time so as to get them together for the

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North Ireland District Cup, for which we are entered. As we shall be unable to finish the League here, we decided on the latter course, and so all those members of the team who wished to go on leave went immediately after our first League match —*i.e.* the one against the Manchester Regiment. When they are all back we should have a very useful side in spite of the fact that we lost three Rhine Army players, Dreher, Gillon and Whigham, on the last draft to India. The substitutes who have been found for them are showing considerable promise, and so there is no need to be disheartened by their going. So far, with a weakened team, we have reason to be quite satisfied with the results of the matches we have played.

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On Friday, 9th October, the Officers played a Squash Racket match against the Officers of the 43rd Light Infantry. Teams consisted of six players, and individual matches were decided on the best of three games. The result was a win for the FIFTH by 4 matches to 2, and is given in detail below :—

Lieut. Seth Smith (5th Fus.) beat Lieut. Graham (43rd L.I.) 15/11, 15/11.

Major Whinney (43rd L.I.) beat Lt.-Col. Herbert (5th Fus.), 15/5, 15/11.

Lieut. MacMullen (5th Fus.) beat Capt. Pack (43rd L.I.), 15/2, 15/1.

Lieut. Kilgour (5th Fus.) beat Capt. Stevens (43rd L.I.), 15/10, 15/8.

Lieut. Butterfield (5th Fus.) beat Capt. Smyth (43rd L.I.), 15/5, 15/6.

Lieut. Amherst (43rd L.I.) beat Lieut. Crawhall (5th Fus.), 15/3, 15/3.

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In the Inter-Unit Knock-out Golf Competition (teams of four from each Unit), we have so far defeated our first opponents, the Royal Ulster Rifles, by 3 matches to 1, our team consisting of Capt. Powell, Lieut. Kilgour, Lieut. Beckwith, 2nd-Lieut. MacMullen. All were successful except Lieut. Beckwith.

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Since returning from camp we have had some quite good shooting, though some days the bag was a little disappointing. The total bag up to date, however, is 325 head, including 128½ brace of partridges.

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A somewhat belated photograph of the Regimental Athletic Team appears in this number. Owing to the fact that we went to camp almost immediately after the Sports, the photograph could not be taken until our return.

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A draft of 57 was brought over from the Depôt by Lieut. Wombwell on the 14th, and posted to "W" and "Y" Companies.

ST. GEORGE'S PEPYS.

October 8th.—Yesterdaye all mightilie entertayned at a footballe match between the officeres and serjeantes on the barracke square, the serjeantes' team being tayken from serjeantes who alle were in our armie before the last grate warre, and the officeres' team from officeres who had either been servynge since before the warre or who did serve durynge the warre, so that the officeres were some of them manie yeares younger than theyre opponentes, and with such younge and sprightlie fellowes as Sir Steve Smith, Sir Pember Bunne, Sir Basil Binst and Sir Edgertoun Jonworthe, none of whom can have been over thirty-one yeares of age, and who must so have been considerablie younger than the youngest player on the serjeantes' side, it was perhaps of no especialle grate credit to the officeres that they were victorious by four goalles to one, and onlie so to be expected.

From the outsette the fortunes of the gayme provyded alle and sundrie with manie and varied thrilles and surpryses, for first it was R.Q.M.S. Bambury makynge of a brilliante sayve in the goalle—which indeede he did guard as jealouslie as if it had been half a tonne of fuelle—or agayne it mighte be Sir Basil Binst a-chasynge of the balle and totallie unable to stop himself in less than fiftie payces by reason of his grate impetus once he was set a-runnynge; or Sir Edgertoun Jonworthe gatherynge his forces for a mightie and overwhelmynge charge on the Master Cooke, onlie to finde by reason of his lack of pace that the serjeante had wiselie left the spotte just before he arryved there, and so to discover his blowe fallen on thin

THE REGIMENTAL ATHLETIC TEAM.

air and at paynes to sayve himself from fetchynge up against the cookehouse—and how mightilie ridiculous it trulie was to witness Sir Steve Smith a-jumpynge and a-runnynge in and out of the legges of the Drumme-Major in bootless endeavours to get to the balle, just like a puppie gambollynge and yappynge over the feet of its master, though it cannot be gainsaid that alle the while he did mayke very skilfulle use of his armes, diggynge and proddynge with them till he was nearlie within an ace of being sent off the fielde.

So it was that with such mightie sillie thynges happenynge at everie moment the specktaytors were regayled with a sighte such as they do rarelie witnesse, and in all probabilitie did have as grate merriment at as little expense to themselves as never before, but Lord, what a sadde sighte this daye to see so manie of the serjeantes' team walkynge arounde like so manie decrepitte olde men, a-hobblynge and a-limpynge as though the officeres must surely have been playinge a mightie rough gayme, though who there mighte have been from amongst them doinge this, sayve onlie Sir Steve Smith I cannot well imagine, and methinks even his roughnesse would probablie do no one any grate harm, and was onlie done by him to mayke amends for his sadde lack of inches.

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2ND. BATTALION NOTES.

FYZABAD,

September, 1925.

Our existence has been enlivened during the past month by very welcome visits from teams representing the 2nd Bn. The Lincolnshire Regiment and the 1st Bn. The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, who came over from Lucknow to play us at football. An account of their doings will be found elsewhere.

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We were also visited by our officiating Brigade Commander, Lieut.-Colonel H. D. Goldsmith, D.S.O., 1st Bn. The Duke of Cornwall's L.I., who, accompanied by Capt. S. A. H. Hungerford, M.C., Brigade Major, spent the night here and inspected our quarters.

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With these exceptions, and a call from a wandering accountant or so, our peace has not been disturbed throughout the month; but October will see the end of the individual training period, and thenceforth things will begin to move more quickly.

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There has been a good deal of coming and going among the officers. Col. Kershaw has returned from a Senior Officers' Refresher Course at Dehra Dun, and Capt. Hogshaw from leave. Capt. Baxter and Capt. Plummer have paid flying visits to Ranikhet and Mussoori, respectively, and Mr. Grimley has been to Lucknow to officiate at a Boxing Tournament organised by the 4th Queen's Own Hussars. Mr. Flower has left for Lucknow, where he is attending a Transport Course; and Mr. Olver for Deolali, where he has been appointed a Company Commander for the duration of the coming trooping season. Major Ovans has been appointed officiating Deputy-Assistant-Adjutant-General at Army Headquarters, and Mr. Collingwood, Station Staff Officer at Fyzabad, with effect from 1st August and 11th September, respectively.

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During the month the officers have been privileged to listen to a course of lectures on the subject of "Sanitation," by the Senior Medical Officer in the Station. The lecturer so vividly portrayed the multitude and virulence of the germs which beset us on every side, that we may well be forgiven a feeling of profound astonishment that we should have survived so long.

Capt. McLean, Mr. Grimley, Mr. Fryer and Mr. Pringle are to be congratulated on having passed in Subject (b) for promotion.

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For the latter officer this appears to have been a month of triumphs, for we understand he is to be congratulated also on having passed successfully through another and possibly more nerve-shattering ordeal, the exact nature of which will doubtless be disclosed in due course.

FOOTBALL.

On the 12th September we were visited by the Lincolnshire Regiment's Rugby Team, and enjoyed the best game of the season with them. Our team played a much faster game than hitherto, the backs showing a real ability to combine together to take their passes well. The forwards, though individually hard workers in many cases, clever in the loose, still fail somewhat to play together as a pack in this game; however, they were undoubtedly opposed by an appreciably heavier pack. From the outset we were the aggressors, and two tries were scored during the first half, the former being converted.

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Half-time found us with the score 8 points to nil in our favour. The second half showed the Lincoln's team in a different light. Their forwards played a much firmer and more bustling game, and had their backs been able to take advantage of their opportunities, they would undoubtedly have scored more often. As it was their efforts were rewarded by an unconverted try within the last few minutes of the game. The tackling of our backs and some of the forwards was distinctly good, and to this in large part we owed our success in keeping the attack at bay. The final score, 8 points to 3, was a very fair indication of the run of the game.

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The following represented the Battalion at Rugby against the 2nd Bn. The Lincolnshire Regiment, on 12th September, 1925:—

2nd-Lieut. A. C. Collingwood (*capt.*), 2nd-Lieut. H. S. Flower,

A ROADSIDE CAMP: BAMSHAON.

Fus. Warcup (H.Q. Wing), Fus. Pearson ("B" Coy.), Fus. Ryott ("A" Coy.), Fus. Hall ("A" Coy.), Fus. Redford ("C"

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Coy.), Lce.-Cpl. Walker (H.Q. Wing) (*forwards*); Lce.-Cpl. Allan (H.Q. Wing), Fus. Wood ("C" Coy.) (*half-backs*); Cpl.

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Dickenson ("A" Coy.), 2nd-Lieut. W. R. Jenney, Fus. Allan ("C" Coy.), Fus. Brooks ("D" Coy.) (*three-quarters*); Lce.-Cpl. Bolton ("C" Coy.) (*back*).

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On the 13th, the Lincolns fielded a Soccer eleven, which though not their representative Regimental team, were nevertheless able to give us a good game, which resulted in a win for us—2 to nil. Considering that our team have not played together for many months, their display was quite creditable, their combination being really good. The obvious weakness was the inability to score of the forwards in front of goal.

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The following represented the Battalion at Soccer against the 2nd Bn. The Lincolnshire Regt. on 13th September, 1925:—

Fus. Todd ("A" Coy.) (*goal*); Lce.-Cpl. Palmer ("D" Coy.), Fus. Jennings ("A" Coy.) (*backs*); Lce.-Cpl. Cross ("D" Coy.), Cpl. Walker ("A" Coy.), Sgt. Bowker ("B" Coy.) (*half-backs*); Fus. Burn (H.Q. Wing), Bdmn. Trower (H.Q. Wing.), Fus. Brooks ("D" Coy.), Fus. Clayton ("A" Coy.), Cpl. Young ("D" Coy.) (*forwards*).

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On the 18th September we had the pleasure of entertaining the D.C.L.I., who brought down their Rugby and Soccer teams for the week end. The following account of the Rugby match should prove of interest, and is certainly a valuable criticism of our team.

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In spite of the extreme heat of the evening, there was a fast twenty minutes' play each way, which was mostly confined to loose forward work.

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For the greater part of the first half, play was almost continually in the region of the D.C.L.I. "twenty-five," and if the 5th Fusiliers halves had kept a better control over their forwards their three-quarters would have had several opportunities of scoring. As it was, there was no three-quarter play on either side.

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Towards the end of the first half the D.C.L.I. turned the tables on the FIFTH and kept the ball well in their half, but not before Fus. Hall scored the FIFTH's first try from a line out.

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At the beginning of the second half, the D.C.L.I. continued to press, but the game, though fast, was rather a scramble, and Fus. Allan, after a good run and a short punt over the back's head, picked up again cleverly and scored near the corner flag. It was a good try, but we would have preferred to see him pass inwards to the other centre three-quarter, who was well placed and waiting for the pass, than employ the perhaps more spectacular, but certainly more selfish and risky trick of the short punt ahead.

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The 5th Fusiliers' third try was really a good one. Fus. Allan gathered the ball from a "soccer" kick by a D.C.L.I. three-quarter, drew his man well and passed to Lce.-Cpl. Allen, who "sold a dummy," drew another man and passed cleverly to Lieut. Jenney, who ran through and scored. A good try, which was a joy to watch.

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Some hard forward play followed, and there were a few attempts on both sides to get the three-quarters going, but the ball never came cleanly out of the scrum, and as a result the three-quarters were always brought to a standstill before they got fairly started.

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Shortly before the end, Lce.-Cpl. Allen, when going at full speed, picked up a stationary ball and, running through three of the D.C.L.I. backs, scored a brilliant try between the posts.

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This try and the previous one were both converted by Fus. Hall. Fus. Pearson failed to convert the first two tries.

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Lieut. Evelegh was conspicuous amongst the forwards of the D.C.L.I. and played a very hard and dashing game.

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The FIFTH forwards all worked hard, and showed plenty of dash, but they will not make a pack until they team and listen for and obey the orders of the scrum half, who in his turn must

THE BREWERY LANDSLIDE—COOLIES CLEARING ROAD.

realise that he must tell his forwards what to do on every occasion.

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Fus. Wood at scrum half was very slow in getting the ball out to his stand off half. He must learn to pass the ball straight

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SERGEANTS' GROUP, 2ND HILL PARTY.

out off the ground without picking it up. As it was, Lce.-Cpl. Allen, at stand off half, never took a pass on the run because Wood would pick the ball up and try to run himself.

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The three-quarter line showed talent, and, with two halves who understand each other, and with the forwards under the control of the scrum half, would be really good.

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They also have lessons to learn. Firstly, they must run straight instead of diagonally across the ground, crowding the others into touch.

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The aimless kick down mid-field is, fortunately, losing its popularity, but the flying "soccer" kick is still taken by a great many who shirk stopping a forward rush by falling on the ball.

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The following composed the Fifth Fusiliers' team :—

Lce.-Cpl. Bolton (*back*) ; Cpl. Dickenson, 2nd-Lieut. Jenney, Fus. Allan, Fus. Brooks (*three-quarters*) ; Lce.-Cpl. Allen, Fus. Wood (*half-backs*) ; 2nd-Lieut. Collingwood, Fus. Warcup, Fus. Pearson, Sgt. Parkin, Fus. Hall, Fus. Ryott, Fus. Redford, Lce.-Cpl. Walker (*forwards*).

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On the following day we repeated our success at Rugby by defeating our opponents at Soccer by 2 goals (one penalty) to nil. Throughout the game we were the aggressors, and there is no doubt that the opportunities missed were legion. The inability to score of our forwards in front of goal was at times very marked, and there seemed to be a general lack of courage to try the rather difficult but very possibly successful shot at goal. The backs as a whole put up a very sound defence which was rarely beaten.

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The following represented the Battalion at Soccer against the 1st Bn. the D.C.L.I. on 10th September, 1925 :—

Fus. Todd ("A" Coy.) (*goal*) ; Lce.-Cpl. Palmer ("D" Coy.), Fus. Jennings ("A" Coy.) (*backs*) ; Bdmn. Jackson (H.Q. Wing), Cpl. Walker ("A" Coy.), Sgt. Bowker ("B" Coy.) (*half-backs*) ; Fus. Burn (H.Q. Wing), Bdmn. Trower (H.Q. Wing), Fus. Brooks ("D" Coy.), Fus. Clayton ("A" Coy.), Cpl. Young ("D" Coy.) (*forwards*).

HILL DETACHMENT NOTES.

RANIKHET BOXING TOURNAMENT.

This Tournament was held on the nights of the 8th, 9th and 11th September. The boxing was of a high standard, and in most cases the winner had to fight hard for his points. The representatives of the FIFTH did not meet with the success of the first party, but all our entrants went into the ring and met their opponents in a most businesslike and determined way. These notes deal with the Tournament as far as the FIFTH were concerned.

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FIRST NIGHT.

Fly-Weights.

"B" Company was represented by Lce.-Cpl. Coyle, who fought Bdmn. Beech of the Details Team, 1st Bn. The Worcester Regiment.

It was a splendid fight, the pair being evenly matched. The first and second rounds were both well fought and points were very level. In the third round Beech scored with his left several times, and eventually won on points by a narrow margin.

Welter-Weights.

"B" Company, 2 entries ; Details, 1.

Lce.-Cpl. Humble, "B" Coy., had the misfortune to be knocked out by Lce.-Cpl. Bonner, Worcesters, in 30 seconds.

Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, "B" Coy., fought Fus. Bloomfield, Details, and won easily. In the first round Bloomfield was down and saved only by the gong. He came up for the second round obviously feeling the effects of Catterick's punishing blows, and very quickly went out to a swing to the point of the jaw.

Heavy-Weights.

Fus. Graham, Details, FIFTH, had to scratch on medical

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grounds, and was awarded 1 point, his opponent, Bdmn. Langstone, Details, Worcesters, getting the fight.

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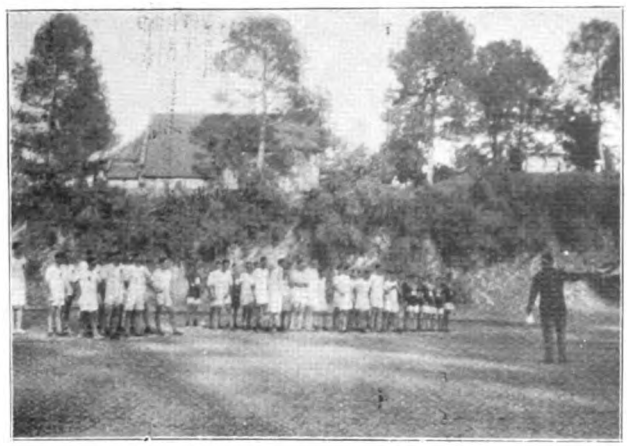
Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, " B " Coy., dealt with Pte. Parker, D.C.L.I., in his well known way, knocking out his man early



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START OF THE CROSS-COUNTRY, RANIKHET.

in the first round, thereby gaining 2 points for " B " Company.

Feather-Weights.

" B " Company, 2 entries ; Details, 1.

The first fight in this weight, Lce.-Cpl. O'Rourke, " B " Coy., and Pte. Winmill, D.C.L.I., was without doubt one of the best fights of the tournament, and certainly the best example of game fighting that anyone could ask for.

Although O'Rourke was floored three times in the first round, he came back in a most remarkable manner which must have worried his opponent considerably. The first round Winmill won on points fairly comfortably. The second round was very even indeed, in many people's opinion it went somewhat in O'Rourke's favour. In the third round O'Rourke again gave a grand display of pluck, Winmill scoring frequently but without being able to give a knock-out blow, he therefore won the fight, but O'Rourke got the best loser's prize for the evening.

Fus. Marshall, Details, *v.* Pte. Wrigley, Worcesters.

This was a very even fight, particularly in the first and second rounds, but in the third round Wrigley although once badly shaken by a right from Marshall managed to win on points.

Fus. Oakes, " B " Coy., had to scratch on medical grounds, being awarded 1 point.

Light-Weights.

Details, 2 entries ; " B " Coy., 2.

Fus. Lawson, Details, *v.* Pte. Phillips, Worcesters.

The first round was very fast, both men hitting hard and frequently ; but in the second round Lawson put in a splendid right to the point and knocked out his man.

Cpl. Boon, " B " Coy., *v.* Pte. Nicholls, D.C.L.I.

Cpl. Boon fought very well, and although nearly out in the first round recovered well and knocked out his opponent in the third round.

Fus. Stephenson, " B " Coy., got a walk over owing to his opponent scratching on medical grounds.

Fus. Fawcett, Details, *v.* Pte. Mitchell, Worcesters.

Another very even fight. Mitchell gained slowly, and it was not until the third round that any decisive fighting took place, Mitchell winning on points.

Bantam-Weights.

Fus. Prim, " B " Coy., *v.* Pte. Butler, Worcesters.

Butler opened very fast and knocked out his opponent with a sharp right to the point in the first round.

Middle-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock, " B " Coy., walk over, Fus. Graham, Details, scratched on medical grounds.

Fus. Johnston, " B " Coy., *v.* Pte. Chappell, Worcesters.

Johnston was easily the better man, and delivered a good knock-out in the first round.

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SECOND NIGHT.

Fly-Weights.

Fus. Dodds, Details, *v.* Pte. Lewis, D.C.L.I.

Dodds drew a bye on the first night. This fight was a slogging match, both men trying for a knock-out from the word " Go." Lewis got the better of Dodds in the third round and won on points.

Welter-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, " B " Coy., *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Bonner, Worcesters.

This was a gift for Catterick, who knocked out Bonner in 30 seconds in a most convincing manner.

Fus. Townsend, Details, *v.* Pte. Harris, Worcesters.

Townsend floored Harris five times in the first minute. Harris gave in, not being equal to continuing.

Heavy-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock, " B " Coy., *v.* Bdmn. Langstone, Worcesters.

Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock had as easy a victory as his first and knocked out Langstone in the first round.

" D " COY., 2ND BN. FIFTH FUSILIERS.

(THE FIRST WINNERS OF THE 2ND BN. INTER COMPANY RUGBY LEAGUE, 1925.)

Top Row.—Fus. C. Wild, Fus. H. Hall, Lce.-Cpl. H. Palmer, Fus. D. Morfitt, Fus. J. Watson.

Seated. Fus. C. Suggett, Lce. Cpl. R. Smith, Cpl. A. McPhie, Lieut. H. Flower, Capt. E. H. Baxter, Lieut. R. S. Surtees, Fus. G. Holdsworth, Fus. E. Rutter, Fus. B. Ripley.

Bottom.—Fus. W. Matthews, Fus. A. Brooks.

Cpl. Fairley, Details, *v.* Bdmn. Bayliss, Worcesters.

Cpl. Fairley, giving away nearly two stones, made a very

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sporting bid for his team. The first round was very indecisive, but in the second and third Bayliss scored with the left and won on points. Cpl. Fairley was a very game loser.

Feather-Weights.

Fus. Fraser, Details, *v.* Pte. Lorton, D.C.L.I.

Fraser was a better boxer all through ; he had a clever defence out of which he came to score several points with his left. He then punished his man well in the second round, and ran out an easy winner on points in the third.

Light-Weights.

Fus. Lawson, Details, *v.* Fus. Stephenson, " B " Coy.

A lively beginning ; after a minute Lawson ran into Stephenson's right and was knocked out.

Cpl. Boon, " B " Coy., *v.* Pte. Mitchell, D.C.L.I.

Cpl. Boon took heavy punishment in the first and second rounds ; he kept coming up and going for his man again in a most courageous manner, till in the third round Mitchell scored a heavy blow to the heart which finished the fight.

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THIRD NIGHT.

Welter-Weights (Semi-final).

Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, " B " Coy., *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Frost, Worcesters.

This was a very good fight. Both men scored frequently, and no one was sure what verdict would be given. Lce.-Cpl. Catterick certainly had the second round, but eventually Frost won on points.

Fus. Townsend, Details, *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Hannifin, D.C.L.I.

Hannifin had the better of this fight all through. He floored Townsend once in the first round, but failed to get a knock-out. Hannifin won on points.

Heavy-Weights (Semi-final).

Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock, " B " Coy., walk over Pte. Bennett into Final.

Feather-Weights (Semi-final).

Fus. Fraser, Details, *v.* Bdmn. Price, Worcesters.

Fraser started well, boxing coolly he had the advantage of the first round. The second was even. Price scored very frequently in the third round with the left, and won on points.

Middle-Weights (Semi-final).

Fus. Johnston, " B " Coy., *v.* Pte. Webb, Worcesters.

Johnston was a comfortable winner who never looked like losing. Webb, however, had a quite good enough defence to stop a knock-out. Johnston won on points.

Middle-Weights (Semi-final).

Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock, " B " Coy., *v.* Pte. Ginders, D.C.L.I.

Whitelock was too good for Ginders and finished the fight in 45 seconds.

Light-Weights (Semi-final).

Fus. Stephenson, " B " Coy., *v.* Pte. Mitchell, Worcesters.

A likely winner. Fus. Stephenson had to scratch on medical grounds.

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FINALS (in which FIFTH were concerned).

Heavy-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock, " B " Coy., *v.* Pte. Johns, D.C.L.I.

Johns was no match for Whitelock, who put him out in half a round.

Middle-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock, " B " Coy., *v.* Fus. Johnston, " B " Coy.

Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock again had a comfortable win, knocking Fus. Johnston out very soon.

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RESULTS.

1.	Worcester Regt. Details	45½ points.
2.	D.C.L.I. Coy.	41½ ,,
3.	Worcester Regt. Coy.	36 ,,
4.	FIFTH, " B " Coy.	33½ ,,
5.	FIFTH, Details	21 ,,
6.	D.C.L.I. Details	8 ,,

RANIKHET DETACHMENT'S SPORTS.

Fifth Fusiliers winners.

Mile Race—Fus. Venables.

High Jump—Boy Flatman, 5 ft.

Putting-the-Shot—Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock, 31 ft. 5½ in.

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It was unfortunate that these winners were not able to get more points for their wins, but the rest of their teams were either far behind or below, and in Putting-the-Shot dogged by the ill luck of " no put."

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The Tug-of-War did not fail to produce a great battle, and " B " Coy. were beaten in the Semi-final by a very powerful team.

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It was a great pity that Fus. McSweeney was not allowed to run as he was here on leave instead of on duty. There was some good running, and it was well worth watching.

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The placing of the teams were as follows :—

1st " A " Coy., 1st D.C.L.I.
2nd Details, 1st Worcesters.
3rd Details, 1st D.C.L.I.
4th " A " Coy., 1st Worcesters.
5th Details, FIFTH.
6th " B " Coy., FIFTH.

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Teams were selected to represent Ranikhet against Chaubattia and Dulikhet. Fus. Venables is included in the Mile and Boy Flatman for the High Jump. Unfortunately Putting-the-Shot is not on the programme.

FOOTBALL.

Alma Barracks Cup.

" B " Coy., FIFTH, *v.* " E " Divisional Signals.

" B " Coy. lost 3—1, but the match was hard played. The Signals were, on the whole, a better team. " B " Coy. scored first, then seemed to fade away in some manner ; the Signals took the initiative and won. " B " Coy. were not well together, and the match was one of good individual players playing as such and being beaten by worse players who played the combined game.

The Details of the FIFTH drew a bye in the first round.

In the second round, the Details met the Worcesters. This was a very fine game, and everyone worked hard. When time was called, the score stood at 1—1. Extra time was played, ten minutes each way, during which the Worcesters scored again. The match ended in a win for the Worcesters, 2—1.

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Hari Chand Kapoor Cup.

Contested for by Ranikhet, Dulikhet and Chaubattia Detachments.

In this competition, the Detachment did very well. A bye was drawn for the first round. An easy victory followed, beating 2nd Medium Brigade R.F.A., 5—1.

In the semi-final the D.C.L.I. were beaten, 2—1, after a good game.

The Welsh Regt. were our opponents in the final. They were a very strong team, and knew the game very well. Once again the FIFTH lacked combination, and several chances were lost and given through too much "individualism."

The final score was 3—1 against us, and would have been more if it had not been for Lce.-Cpl. Easom, who saved once or twice in most anxious and dangerous moments.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

A happy sporting spirit pervades the Mess just now, and under the captaincy of O.R.Q.M.S. Willson the Hockey and Soccer teams remain undefeated.

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We made our bow in distinguished circumstances, for we were called upon to form the attraction at the opening of "D" Company's new ground, "Wembley Park," the home of much labour and the Defaulters' Paradise.

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We succeeded in forcing the soccer magnates to a 1 goal draw.

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Later we entertained the Station team on the same ground, when we won handsomely by 5 goals to 1. Sgt. Green scored 3 goals.

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Against the N.C.O.'s of "D" Coy., at "Wembley Park," we were leading by 3—1 until five minutes from time, when the juniors came along with two characteristic efforts and equalised. Q.M.S. Willson scored a wonderful goal from the half-way line, but failed with two getters. Sgt. Ashton was responsible for the other two goals.

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The Police Hockey Team, who have been accomplishing wonderful things against the Company teams, were subdued by the Mess XI. and were somewhat fortunate to escape with a goalless draw. The game was played on the Police Ground, and the hospitality of the Police officials added much to an enjoyable game.

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After the football game with the Station Team on "Wembley Park," the players and ladies were entertained in the Sergeants' Mess, where an impromptu dance showed the younger blood to even greater advantage. A few character studies by T.A.T. on "Civil Occupation," cast a light into the future and hopes for the best in civil life.

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The Ranikhet reliefs continue. Sgt. Beatty has returned, and Sgt. Earl has departed on leave. Sgt. Green goes to Pachmartu for a three months' course at the School of Musketry. Sgt. Arkwright takes over a Deolali Rest Camp billet for the coming Trooping Season.

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A portion of the Battalion silver having been kindly granted by the Commanding Officer for display in the Mess, the new silver table looks wonderfully attractive and is the source of much interest even to old members who, before the final phase, find pleasure in perusing the list of achievements recorded thereon.

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Col.-Sgt. Tudor and Sgt. Hebburn have added further gifts of antlers to the Mess. With these additions the setting in the dining hall is delightfully effective.

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The Mess are losing 7 members during the coming Trooping Season, including Col.-Sgts. Tudor and Williams, who have completed 21 years' service. A farewell night is being arranged in their honour, an account of which we hope to chronicle for the next edition.

COLOUR-SERGEANT (C.Q.M.S.) T. A. TUDOR, M.M.

In bidding adieu to No. 4256804 Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) T. A. Tudor, M.M., who left India on the 14th October, 1925, for discharge to U.K., after a period of 21 years' service, the 2nd Battalion feels that it has lost what to them was a Regimental Institution and to the Army a wonderful example of the fine old campaigner and genial personality associated with the good old days.

Enlisting on 1st March, 1905, at Nottingham, from where so many old Fusiliers have hailed, he was drafted to the 1st Bn. on 1st February, 1906, and served at Calcutta, Peshawar, Rawal Pindi and Mhow. He came home with the Battalion in 1913, and was transferred to Class "A" Army Reserve on 1st March, 1914. On mobilisation, he rejoined and proceeded to France with the 1st Bn. in August, 1914.

In action at Mons, Marne, Aisne (1st Battle) and Ypres, he was wounded on the famous Canal Bank in Ypres, in March, 1915, on the particular night when the 1st and 2nd Battalions met each other. He rejoined, but was drafted to the 2nd Bn. on 30th May, 1915, and from then onwards served continuously throughout the war with the Battalion in both the Western and Eastern theatres of war. He came abroad again with the 2nd Bn. in 1919, and served in Mesopotamia and India until his final leave for home.

In his 21 years with the Regiment, 18 of which have been served abroad, he has served under the following Colonels:—W. H. Sitwell, C. H. L. James, D. Sapte, H. S. Ainslie, C. A. Armstrong, A. C. L. Hardman Jones, E. M. Moulton Barrett, H. R. Sandilands, S. H. Kershaw.

His eight decorations cover a long period of years, and are the reward of good service in many climes. He was granted the Military Medal for an attack made by "B" Company upon a German "Pill Box" in the Hindenburg line at Prospect Hill, near Boni, France, in July, 1918. In the award of the Indian General Service Medal (Mohmund Expedition, 1909) it is interesting to recall that he was with Col. Platt when this Officer succeeded in rescuing Lieut. Martin of the Warwickshire Regt., for which act 2nd-Lieut. Platt, as he then was, received the award of the D.S.O. One of the few selected by qualifications for the award of the Delhi Durbar Medal, he was also in possession of the 1914 Star, G.S. and Victory Medals, General Service Iraq and the Long Service and Good Conduct Medals.

He was on parade at the Delhi Durbar, 1911, when the Colours at present carried by the 1st Bn. were presented by H.M. King George, and was also in the Guard of Honour which greeted the Prince of Wales on his arrival in Patna, in 1921. To him

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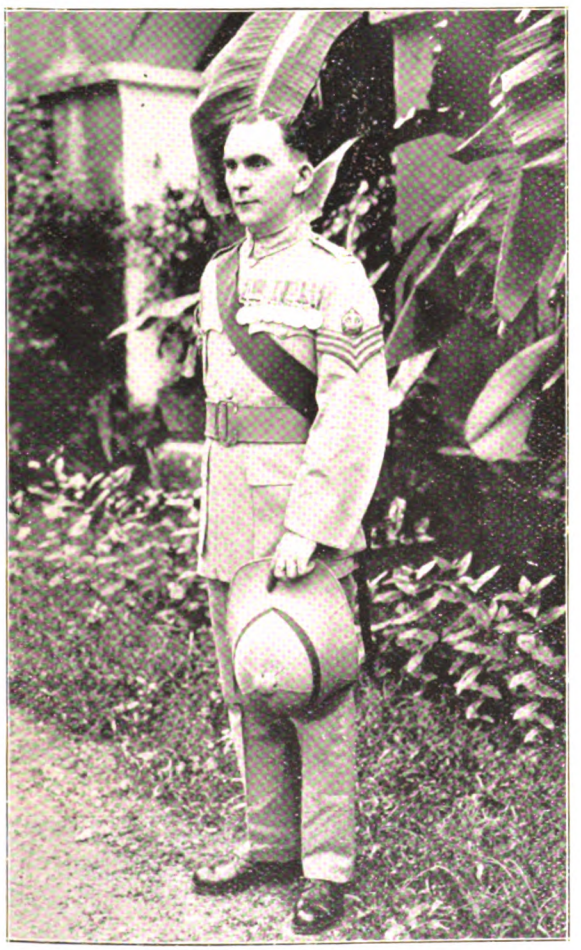
also has fallen the honour of escorting the present 2nd Bn. Colours on more occasions than any other serving members of the Battalion.

A fine rifle shot and keen shikari, the Sergeants' Mess has benefited to a considerable extent as the result of many of his shoots. An excellent collection of horns are amongst the most striking of his gifts, and a permanent record of one whose generosity and soldierly qualities will remain rich in the memory of those who have been privileged to know him.

Marksman for most of his service, his name is included in



NO. 4256804 COLOUR-SERGEANT (C.Q.M.S.) T. A. TUDOR, M.M.

the list of fine shots of pre-war days whose records adorn the Shooting Cup.

A keen sportsman at games, too, he played football and hockey for "C" Company, 1st Bn., and was in the Cup winning team in 1909–10–11. In post-war days he assisted "A" Company to win the 2nd Bn. Inter-Coy. Cricket Cup, 1920. A permanent figure in the Sergeants' Mess teams, he will be greatly missed, for he was a versatile artist who could fit into any position in any good side. His enthusiasm knew no bounds.

Familiarly known to the younger generation as "Tin Chest," his innumerable decorations were the glowing pride and admiration of the Battalion.

He was almost a monumental acquisition for his ruddy countenance and bedecked breast bespoke of hard foreign service and glory for the Old Regiment.

He leaves with the best of wishes, and in the hope that he may be spared long to enjoy health and happiness and the comfort of his well-earned pension.

"TALLFELLER."

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,

19th October, 1925.

The chief event of the month has been the annual inspection of the Depôt by Lt.-Gen. Sir Charles Harington, C.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., C.O.C.-in-C. of the Northern Command. The inspection took place on Tuesday, the 6th, when General Harington, after being received with a General Salute, inspected the Depôt on parade. As each Squad was inspected, it marched off and carried out its normal training under its Squad Instructors. Each Squad was then visited in turn by General Harington, who watched them at work on their normal training programme. It was satisfactory that we were able to show him the senior Squad, which had completed its recruits' training and was awaiting despatch to the Rhine to join the 1st Bn.; one Squad at work in the training cadre; two Squads, with 12 and 8 weeks' training respectively; and the junior Squad, which had only been completed on the previous Saturday and had not yet commenced training. General Harington spoke a few words of welcome to the men of the junior Squad, and impressed upon them how noble a profession that of a soldier was, and that they could not have come to a finer Regiment. He also expressed great pleasure at seeing men with previous service among the new recruits. The Barrack rooms, kits, cook-house and dining-hall were then inspected, General Harington expressing complete satisfaction with all he saw. In fact, he had a word of praise for everything—drill, turn-out, training, interior economy, and messing—and left us with the impression that the inspection had afforded him complete satisfaction.

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Major-General F. A. Dudgeon, C.B., G.O.C. the Northumbrian Area, also carried out his annual inspection of the Depôt at the same time as General Harington.

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We are looking forward to a visit of inspection from Colonel Herbert in the very near future, and also from the Colonel of the Regiment at the end of the month.

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A miniature range competition has been instituted with the object of improving the standard of shooting at the Depôt and of fostering a spirit of keenness and enthusiasm among the recruits to become good shots, and so benefit the Regiment in this most important branch of its training. Rifle meetings are held every Wednesday afternoon in each month, each Squad firing one practice in any afternoon; the four practices thus fired during the month are two application, one snapshooting and one rapid. At the end of the month the recruit who has gained the largest aggregate of points in the four practices in each Squad wins a silver spoon, and has his name inscribed on the Shooting Shield, of which each Squad possesses one, and which is kept in the Squad room. On each shield is inscribed the name of the battle honour by which the Squad room is

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known to which it belongs. No competition was held in September, as the Depôt spent more than half of that month in

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INSPECTION OF DEPÔT BY LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR CHARLES H. HARINGTON, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., G.O.C.-IN-C. NORTHERN COMMAND, 6TH OCTOBER, 1925.

camp at Ponteland. The names of the winners of the August competition are shown below :—

March Squad.—No. 4263947 Fusilier J. Oates.
April ,, No. 4264318 Fusilier J. Malia.
May ,, No. 4264390 Fusilier F. Cuthbert.
June ,, No. 4264398 Fusilier A. Crozier.

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We sympathise with Mr. Forbes-Watson, who has been carried off to Hospital at York, with a severe ankle strain which keeps him in a state of forced inactivity ; this must be all the more distressing to him since beagling has commenced with a series of most attractive meets and excellent sport. Yet this forced inactivity has its compensations perhaps, for who would bewail one's inability to take part in a Training Cadre competition ! ! ? We wish him a speedy recovery.

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Mr. Wombwell left on the morning of the 13th, in command of a draft of two squads of recruits for the 1st Bn.

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The Inter-Depôt Boxing Competition was held on the 17th and 18th September, on return from camp at Ponteland, too late for inclusion in last month's notes. The FIFTH beat the 68th by the substantial margin of 54 points to 30. The results are given below.

5/68TH REGIMENTAL DEPÔTS.

INTER-DEPÔT BOXING COMPETITION

112 to 120 lbs.

Fus. Dick / Pte. Brazier, D.L.I. — Pte. Brazier, D.L.I.
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Fus. Travers / Pte. McQuillan, D.L.I. — Fus. Travers — Fus. Travers
Fus. Balding / Pte. Gallogly — Pte. Gallogly, D.L.I. — Fus. Travers

120 to 130 lbs.

Fus. Green / Pte. Reed, D.L.I. — Pte. Reed, D.L.I.
Fus. Keith / Pte. Woodhall, D.L.I. — Pte. Woodhall, D.L.I. — Pte. Woodhall, D.L.I.
Fus. Marshall / Pte. Hope, D.L.I. — Fus. Marshall — Fus. Marshall
Fus. Peacock / Pte. Stockton, D.L.I. — Pte. Stockton, D.L.I. — Fus. Marshall

120 to 140 lbs.

Fus. Cuthbert / Pte. McDermott, D.L.I. — Pte. McDermott, D.L.I.
Fus. Hawkes / Pte. Anderson, D.L.I. — Fus. Hawkes — Fus. Hawkes
Fus. Ford / Pte. Naylor, D.L.I. — Fus. Ford — Fus. Ransom
Fus. Ransom / Pte. Mason — Fus. Ransom

140 to 150 lbs.

L/c. Gray, Fusrs. / Pte. Lewis, D.L.I. — L/c. Gray
Fus. Miller / L/c. Hall, D.L.I. — Fus. Miller — L/c. Gray
Fus. Burns / L/c. Lewis, D.L.I. — Fus. Burns — Fus. Sudron
Fus. Sudron / Pte. Fairburn, D.L.I. — Fus. Sudron

Two Special Six Round Contests.

Pte. Long, Depôt, The Green Howards, beat L/c. Thompson, D.L.I., k.-o. in third round.

Cpl. Colman, D.L.I., beat Pte. Robinson, Depôt, The Green Howards, k.-o. in last round.

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The tour of duty of Sergts. Speed and Donovan have been extended to 27th January, 1926.

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Sergt. D'Orey, his wife and family, have been detailed to

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MAY SQUAD.

WINNERS OF INTER-SQUAD ATHLETIC SHIELD AND BOXING SHIELD (TWICE).

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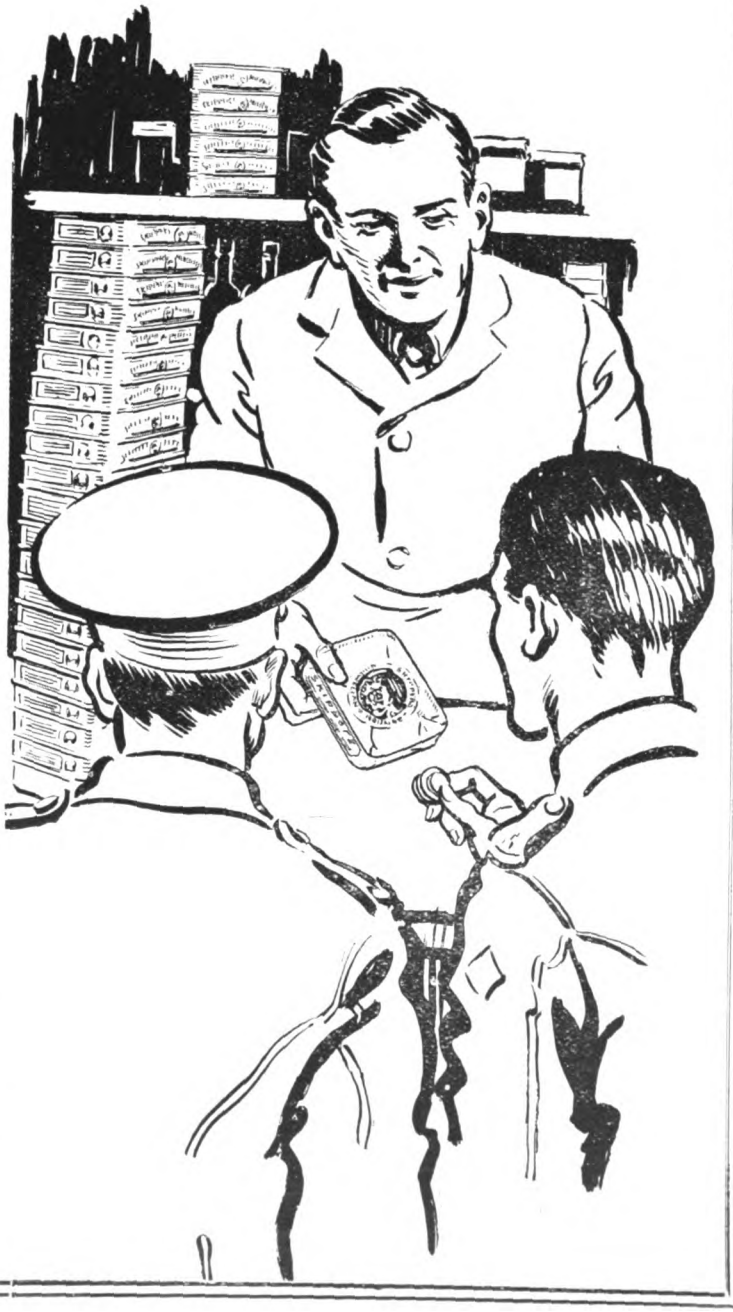

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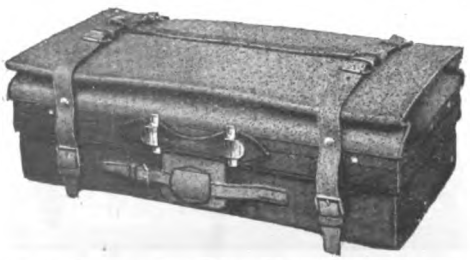

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4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN,

23rd October, 1925.

A Divisional Tactical Exercise at Harrogate at the beginning of the month constitutes the chief event of importance which we have to record. The C.O. and Adjutant and Captains Peacock and Clarke attended.

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At the Conference which preceded the Exercise, the Divisional Commander informed the officers present that our next Annual Training will take place at Catterick. This decision has been arrived at owing to the necessity for economy which will not permit of unnecessarily long journeys to and from the place of Annual Training.

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From many points of view, we can be thoroughly satisfied with this arrangement, more especially as, now that there are considerable numbers of Regular troops stationed at Catterick, there is much more going on there in the way of amusement and recreation.

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The Major-General also informed the Conference that Winter Training this year is to have for its main object the further instruction of junior N.C.O.'s and selected Fusiliers in the highly important matter of Section Leading. He wants us to aim at getting all Section Commanders, and in addition 8 Fusiliers per Company as understudies, to attend the classes which will be formed.

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During the month the R.S.M. has attended a Course at the Royal Small Arms Factory at Enfield; and Cpls. Holden and Lockhart have gone away to Aldershot and Netheravon respectively, for Courses in Physical Training and Machine Gun.

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The Vicar of Scotswood has invited the Newburn Detachment to attend an Armistice Day Service to be held at the Parish Church on Sunday, 8th November. It is hoped that there will be a really good turn-out on this occasion.

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The War Office have approved an extension of our present Adjutant's appointment as such until 29th September, 1926. This decision will enable future changes in the appointment to take place after the training for the year has been completed, instead of, as has previously been the case, just after such training had commenced.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

There is very little military activity to report at this time of the year. The period from June to September usually covers a peculiar mixture of events.

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Firstly, clearing up the debris of camp, so to speak, and falling back to normal procedure; clearing up laggards in drills, musketry, etc.; then passing on to the restless phase of bounty expectancy; and finally winding up with the much wanted payment of same.

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These things have now all taken place, and we are left in our annual state of uncertainty as to the next move.

The next steps in the order of things, however, appear to be the N.C.O.'s winter training classes and Depôt courses in preparation for the winter training season proper.

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Already occasional snatches of the preliminary thoughts of the "Powers-that-be" in these matters have filtered through to us, but so far have not yet reached the stage of maturity sufficient to prevent members of the permanent staff from taking their well-earned holidays.

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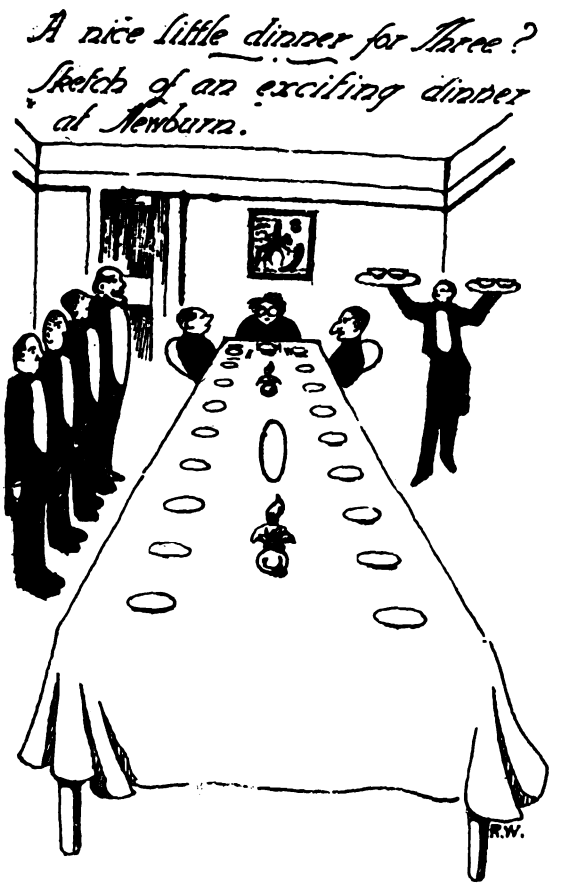
In view of a certain notice in last month's *Gazette*, we might here state that the above mentioned well-earned holidays of the



P.S., in the case of R.S.M. Clarke, strike a rather dubious note, consequent upon his new paternal responsibilities.

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The slump in local territorial life is made manifest when one visits the drill hall only to be confronted with a deserted hall and empty rooms. Even our most devoted habitucs, C.S.M. Stuart and C.Q.M.S. Brown, have lately been missing on one or two occasions.

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On the 3rd of this month, Captains Bradley and Peacock attended a Divisional exercise at Harrogate. No mention has been made so far of any incident or news regarding the old spot at Northallerton.

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Apparently a new element was introduced into the proceed-

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ings at Harrogate, in the shape of a "Vanishing Syndicate," which in certain quarters created a good deal of consternation.

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The "Prudhoe Guards" have already shown us the "Spook method" of advancing a company to the attack, and if we

could prevail upon the officers of the new syndicate to give us a few tips in the phantom business, we would have information of great value in examinations.

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Herewith our heartiest congratulations to Capt. B. Peacock, who has secured a dental appointment under the Surrey County Council Education Authority.

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We have received a very kind invitation from the Rev. C. Hudson, B.A., Vicar of Scotswood, to attend an Armistice Service at St. Margaret's Parish Church, Scotswood, on Sunday, the 8th November. It is very gratifying indeed to know that the Church takes such an interest in its local Territorial Unit.

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

It is now some time since readers of the *Gazette* had the pleasure (?) of hearing from us. Noticing, with regret, the decline of the Battalion notes in general, and the Newburn notes in particular, we feel it incumbent upon us to once more endeavour to exercise our pen for the good of the cause.

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There have been reasons, of course, for our slackness during the last month or so, but they are so many and varied that we think no more need be said about the matter. (If anyone is really interested, a complete set of reasons in duplicate will be forwarded on receipt of the sum of two-and-sixpence.)

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Company news is almost nil, even our worthy Instructor seems to spend most of his time looking for recruits for the Regular Army—(he does *not* visit public houses whilst doing this—now we know why the Mickley Club has gone into liquidation). *This is rather subtle.*

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As for our Sergeant-Major and C.Q.M.S., we really don't know what's happened to them: rumour has it that the latter is spending all his spare time cleaning his equipment for next year—but one knows what reliance to place in rumour!

We understand, however, that the Sergeants (and the above-mentioned W.O.'s) function on the billiard table with much enthusiasm every Wednesday. We would have functioned ourselves ere now, were it not for "reasons." (The "reasons" market has an upward tendency—they are now three-and-six).

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Capt. Peacock (the well-known race horse owner) is leaving us shortly and transferring his chamber of horrors to a warmer climate. We are very sorry—we don't know what we shall do now.

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The writer, together with the well-known race horse owner, attended the Divisional Tactical Exercise at Harrogate the other day, and in accordance with the usual custom made full use of the resources of the country in the matter of supplies. (The Harrogate blackberries are very sustaining.)

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It is published for the information of all concerned, that the attenuated Captain has found a lady, complete with telephonic attachments, and that no photographs or applications need now be forwarded in answer to the advertisement.

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To return to Company matters. Certain of our corporals are now trying to master the mysteries of culminating points, effective beat in zones, and so forth, with a view to the increased consumption of ale at camp next year. We have even heard of a "Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Fire Order Party," but how far this is correct we would not like to say.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

On the 4th inst. we entertained the members of the Tyne E.E. in the first match of the League, of the Northumberland and Durham Sergeants' Association.

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It is evident that our shooting wants attending to, as we were badly beaten by the large number of 90 points; this was partly due to our opponents being armed with the Enfield miniature rifle, while we had the Service miniature rifle. We did better at billiards, R.S.M. Clarke, C.S.M. Stuart and C.S.M. McTeer won easily, and our 4th member, Sergt. Veitch, put up a good game, but lost.

At cards we won easily, Sergts. Stamp and Veitch winning 4 games out of 5, leaving 2 games to be won by R.S.M. Clarke and C.S.M. Mower, who supplied the goods.

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A very enjoyable evening was spent, and the visitors, after expressing many thanks, departed for their homes about 9.45 p.m.

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On the 19th inst. we paid a visit to the 72nd Bde. R.F.A., but as no range was available only billiards and cards were played.

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The result of the billiards was:—

R.S.M. Irwin ..	.. 94	Sergt. Rollingson	.. 100
Lce.-Sgt. Robson	.. 67	C.S.M. McTeer ..	.. 100
R.S.M. Rush ..	.. 103	Sergt. Stamp ..	.. 80
Sergt. Hortin ..	.. 69	R.S.M. Clarke ..	.. 100

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The result of the cards was:—
Sergts. Veitch and Stamp won 4 games out of 5.
Sergts. Downie and Brown won 2 games out of 5.

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5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,
October, 1925.

There is little of interest to report this month; most of the Battalion are about their own business and pleasures, and there is great difficulty in getting news of their doings—not that these said "doings" are not beyond reproach!

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We did hear that Capt. Leete helped to bring up an aeroplane by air from London for the local flying club, and a short description of the journey would be welcome from this Officer.

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The Adjutant has increased his family by one boy, and is going to York next week on a "Training for War" course, presumably as an antidote to his recent domestic crisis!

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The Commanding Officer, Adjutant, and Capts. Fairweather and Leete went to a Divisional Tactical Exercise at Harrogate during the month, and all seemed to have enjoyed themselves both in work and play there.

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There is to be a Battalion Tactical Exercise at Whitley Bay on the 6th, 7th and 8th November, involving a mechanicalised Brigade Group, which should prove of some interest and much discussion.

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Courses at the Depôt begin again next month, and we expect the attendances to be as good as last year. The interesting programmes of work prepared by the Depôt for these courses have always caused good attendances.

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The 50th Division Boxing Meeting takes place at Fenham Barracks on the 31st October and 2nd November, and we have entered a few of our experts in this art, and hope they will be successful.

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There seems to be every chance of running a really good football team this season. Judged by the meetings on the subject so far held, it *will* be a good team. Mr. Anderson has been appointed President, and is an ardent player himself.

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Mr. Spencer and Mr. Vardy sit for the written part of their O.T.C. Certificate "A" Examination on the 10th November. We wish them both good luck.

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There is to be a Battalion Dance at Gosforth on the 29th October, which we hope will be a success. These dances were much appreciated last year.

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The Officers' Shoot takes place next month, and we hope to wrest the Cup from the present holder (the Adjutant).

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
23rd October, 1925.

We were represented at the Divisional Staff Tour at Harrogate by Bt.-Col. N. I. Wright, D.S.O.; Bt.-Major and Adjutant J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O.; Capts. F. B. Cowen, M.C., E. H. Watson and T. Appleby.

2nd-Lieuts. M. Robson and V. W. Brown commenced a Machine Gun Course at Lichfield this week.

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Sgt.-Instr. W. C. Loder has completed a Machine Gun Course at Netheravon.

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Major Trench's tour as Adjutant terminates early in December, and we hear he is to be succeeded by Capt. R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C., of the 1st Battalion, who was till recently Adjutant at the Depôt.

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We are always glad to hear from old Fusiliers, and so we were glad to get a letter from Mr. Chas. Turner, who retired from the Liverpool Police force in 1921, after 27 years' service in that force and three years with the Staffordshire Constabulary, which he joined after serving 9 years with the Colours in the FIFTH. He holds the Indian Frontier Medal for the Black Mountain Expedition in 1883, as well as the Silver Police Medal and the Royal Humane Societies' Medal.

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MEMORIAL TO LATE MAJOR MILNE-HOME

UNVEILED IN HUTTON CHURCH.

After morning service at Hutton Parish Church, a memorial tablet, erected on wall of the church, by his wife, children and family, to the memory of Major Archibald Charles Milne-Home, M.C., was unveiled by Major-General Sir Percival Wilkinson, K.C., C.M.G.

Amongst those present were Mrs. A. Milne-Home (wife), Master David Milne-Home (son); Misses Milne-Home (2) (daughters); Mrs. Lillingston, Hornecliffe House, and the Misses Milne-Home (3) (sisters); Capt. T. Milne-Home, Mr. John Milne-Home (brothers); Masters Milne-Home (2); Mrs. D. Milne-Home, Paxton House (sister-in-law), and Misses Milne-Home (3); Miss Susan Milne-Home (aunt); Mrs. Cordes (cousin); Commander Lillingston, Hornecliffe House (brother-in-law); Major-General Wilkinson; Lt.-Col. Cruddas, Middleton Hall, Morpeth; Major R. M. St. Booth, N.F., Alnwick; Pte. Wm,

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Wooley, N.F., who was servant to deceased; and Mr. G. W. Balding, Orderly Room Clerk, Depôt N.F., Newcastle.

Miss Sidney Milne-Home presided at the organ.

After the rendering of the hymn, "The Pilgrim's Song," by the choir, General Wilkinson stepped forward and drawing aside the Union Jack which covered the tablet, said: I have been invited to unveil this memorial in proud and loving memory of Major Archibald Charles Milne-Home, 5th Fusiliers, and Staff Officer West African Forces. Born 19th December, 1881, died at sea on his way to West Africa, 28th January, 1924. This carving has been put up by his wife, children and family. "Many waters cannot quench love."

The memorial which I have just unveiled is erected in memory of one who lived his early life among you, and who, when he grew up, returned here when his other duties permitted to keep up the friendships of his childhood. It is not for me

MEMORIAL TABLET TO MAJOR MILNE-HOME.

to speak to you of Archie Milne-Home as you knew him here in his home, but rather as Colonel of the Regiment to which he was proud to belong; to say a few words on how he, as a soldier, lived up to his family motto of "True to the end." I am perhaps more fitted than most to speak on these matters, as for long periods we were working in England and West Africa for the same objects, and sometimes in close co-operation. There were three outstanding qualities in his work—keenness, patience and understanding—above all of understanding. He had that gift of sympathy which made his work, both with the recruits at the Depôt and the native soldiers of West Africa, so successful. His keenness on his work resulted in great thoroughness and a determination to see that work through to the last detail. I shall always remember with gratitude the last piece of work in which we were associated, The preparations connected with the unveiling of the Regimental Memorial Window in the Abbey Church of St. Nicholas, in Newcastle-on-Tyne. The whole of the details were left to him, and not one single point was forgotten. It meant days of careful thought and preparation, and the work when finished was without a flaw. At the Depôt great responsibility for the moral and physical welfare of the recruits rested on him; and he was unsparing of himself in his efforts to improve their conditions. His early death was undoubtedly due to his devotion to duty. His standard was high, and he acted up to it, regardless of the consequences to himself. As he saw to the men's comfort in barracks, so did he care for the necessary stores of the expedition on which he was embarking. Examples like his are not forgotten: they become part of the traditions of the Regiment he was so proud of. He lived up to his motto, "True to the end."

After the Dedication Prayer, General Wilkinson, handing over the custody of the memorial to the Kirk Session and congregation, said:—In the name of the relations of Major Milne-Home I hand over this Memorial to the custody of the Kirk Session and congregation of this Church, with whom Major Milne-Home was a frequent worshipper.

Mr. Leslie, on behalf of the Kirk Session and congregation, accepted the custody of the Memorial.

The tablet, which stands about 5 feet high by 2½ to 3 feet wide, is of oak, and bears a beautiful carving of St. George and the Dragon.

SOCCER IN RHINELAND.

The British Army of the Rhine has not heeded the rumours concerning the evacuation of Cologne, and the Rhine Army programme for 1925-26 is now in full swing. Three Leagues are to be run, and two Cup competitions. The 1st Bn. Yorks and Lancaster Regt., whose record breaking team has twice won the "A" League Championship, and last season accomplished the double, winning the league and the cup, will not be able to attempt a hat-trick of league successes, as the Battalion is due to leave the Rhine in January.

The records of the three battalions which will leave then will be taken over by the incoming battalions, and the Yorks and Lancs are desperately keen on handing over an unbeaten record.

THE LEGEND OF SAD LAKES.

PROLOGUE.

At the junction of two paths stood a tree, and nailed to its moss-grown trunk was the notice: "To Sad Lakes."

Tyrconnel mopped his brow. "About time, too. Some 2½ miles!" he grumbled to himself, as he returned a sodden handkerchief to his pocket, and then hitching up his shorts, he strode determinedly down the track, which descended at a steep angle through dense and rank-smelling vegetation.

The track ran along the side of a tree-clad mountain. On the right, the side of the mountain rose steeply for some two thousand feet. On the left, there appeared to be a bottomless abyss.

At length, scrambling down a small side track through the bushes, Tyrconnel found himself on a small terrace, on which stood a deserted and gloomy looking cottage. Standing here, he craned his neck to see over the nearer bushes into the valley below, and then he gasped.

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Far below him, in the basin formed by the surrounding mountains, lay a small lake. The densely wooded sides of the mountains sloped steeply into its emerald green waters, and not a ripple disturbed its placid surface. A spirit of gloom seemed to brood over the place. Even the birds and crickets seemed to have muffled their voices.

The air was sultry and oppressive, and a thunder-storm was imminent.

Tyrconnel started and nearly fell over backwards. A large fish had risen and broken the surface of the lake. Fascinated, he watched the ever-widening circles of ripples, until at last they lapsed against the sides of the lake. The surface resumed its glassy appearance, as a large black cloud veiled the sun. Tyrconnel shivered, and turning scrambled with more haste than dignity up the bank on to the path.

"What a suicidal place!" he thought as he strode off briskly in the direction of home. "Reminds me rather of the Sacred Pool in the 'People of the Mist.' I shall want a large peg after this."

In spite of the fact that the day had been warm, and that there was now a good breeze, and a ripple on the water that would rejoice the heart of any angler, the mahseer in Bottom Lake would not rise to a fly, however skilfully thrown. Yellow Spider, Silver Doctor, Jock Scott—all were scorned.

Tyrconnel, who had vainly whipped the water for half-an-hour or so (some people, wholly lacking in manners and knowledge of fly fishing, said that he tried to lassoo the fish), had given up fly fishing in disgust, and taken to the more homely sport of ata-fishing, and after half-an-hour without a bite, and two whiskies and soda, was reclining on the stony bank, fast asleep.

He was not alone, in that delightful spot—not by any means. At his elbow squatted his shikari, who managed all the sordid details, unseparable from ata-fishing, such as baiting the hook and casting it when ready far out into the waters of the lake. The actual playing of the fish when hooked—that part of the business which really requires skill—was Tyrconnel's job.

For some fifty yards along the shore, immediately below the hotel, other figures might be seen, crouching over their rods, with attendant shikaris near by. Ladies, Army Officers, civilians, professional native fishermen—all were there, each within ten yards of the next, all intent on catching fish, except Tyrconnel, who slept peacefully.

Bottom Lake is a picturesque mountain lake, where the waters of a small mountain stream collect prior to their final plunge into the gorge which conveys them rapidly to the plains below. The natural size and depth of the lake have been increased by a dam across this gorge. It is flanked on two sides by lofty hills, whose sides slope almost sheer into its waters. To the north a small plain, through which flows the stream, which feeds the lake, stretches to another chain of hills; while on the south side a small hill, or rather ridge, is the only obstacle to a magnificent view of the vast Indian plains. A shady path, some thirty feet above the level of the water, encircles the lake.

In these delightful surroundings Tyrconnel slumbered over his rod. In fact he slept so heavily that he only awoke just in time to hold the rod while the shikari landed a 20-lb. fish which he had played for an hour.

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The light from two hurricane lanterns lighted up the faces of the group seated round the table. Beyond the limits of the light was the darkness of an Indian cold weather night.

There were six of us round the table, most of us wrapped up in great coats or dressing-gowns, and some with Balaclava helmets, for the night was cold.

We'd had a wonderful day's duck shooting, and, having bathed, were discussing the day's sport over short drinks while we waited hungrily for our dinner and the luxury of a roast duck apiece.

The conversation somehow had turned to squirrels, and old Tyrconnel, who'd been half asleep over his Bristol cream, suddenly woke up and said:—

"Churels! whose talking about churels?"

"Nobody, Turkey," said Tubbin, "so go to sleep again like a good boy."

"We were talking about squirrels, old boy," I said, "not Lawrence Hope. What's the excitement about churels?"

"Nothing much," said Tyrconnel, "except that it reminded me of an extraordinary adventure I had once."

Now we had at least a quarter of an hour to wait before dinner, and one of old Turkey's stories would do as well as anything else to pass the time, so I urged him to tell it, and the others joined in, while Tyrconnel, nothing loth, roused himself, ordered another Bristol cream, and began:—

"I daresay you remember that I was on leave last hot weather at Bottom Lake. I don't know if any of you have been there besides you, sir," and he looked towards Major Anak, who, in British warm and Balaclava, loomed large at the head of the table. 'They talk about your eighty-pound mahseer still.'

"Anyway, there is a group of lakes near there, seven in all, which are known collectively as Sad Lakes, a very appropriate name, on account of the legend which is connected with them. The legend is, roughly, as follows:—

"A good many years ago, an awful swine of a Rajah-man lived up there, or rather had a sort of summer palace there. One of his simple pleasures was to scour the country-side for attractive maidens and then to have them seized and brought to his palace, where he kept them for just as long as they amused him, then, being an economical kind of a cove and not wanting to keep up an expensive zenana, he tied weights to them and dropped 'em in the little lake (nobody has ever found the bottom of it) below his palace.

"Well, naturally the local people didn't like having their daughters carried off by this greaser, and at last they laid a trap for him.

"The old boy—(as a matter of fact he was only about thirty, but his way of living had wrought havoc, as they say, with his youthful looks)—was very fond of bathing in the little lake, in spite of the corpses which rolled on its bottom, if it has one, and he always had a swim at about midday, if the sun was out, but he never ventured far from the bank.

"Now, there was in those parts a very pretty girl, the daughter of a local zeminder, who since childhood had been a wonderful swimmer.

"The tyrant hadn't ever seen her, because she'd been very closely guarded. Well, this girl was to be a lure to get the Rajah caught in his own death pool. Somehow, none knows how, they procured a monster, none knows what, and let it loose in the pool. Then one sunny day the girl went down to the lake.

"At the usual hour the Rajah sauntered down to his bathing place, and on arrival what should he see but the loveliest girl he had ever seen, in the act of disrobing.

"As he stood and gasped, she discarded her last garmene and stood a moment displaying her wonderful slim figure befort

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she waded into the water. Then she turned, waved at the Rajah, and called 'If you can catch me, you can have me.'

"The old boy took one look at her, flung off his gaudy wrap and dashed in after her.

"The girl swam straight out into the lake, heading for her friends who, hidden in the bushes were waiting for her on the far side. She had smeared herself in some oil which was supposed to be repulsive to the monster in the lake. I must say I'd have felt a bit nervous in her place.

"The Rajah had splashed about half-way across in pursuit, when suddenly there was a tremendous swirl in the water, and the old boy flung up his arms with a hideous shriek and disappeared.

"All had so far gone according to plan, as the Bosche papers used to say; the girl was swimming strongly and had only about fifteen yards to go.

"Her friends on the bank were delighted and encouraged her with shouts of joy. The girl lifted one hand to wave back, and as she did so a colossal jerk from below pulled her under. She hadn't even time to scream. She was never seen again, or the Rajah either, and the monster has never been seen from that day to this.

"But the extraordinary thing is that several men, both natives and Englishmen, have disappeared there at different times since then.

"Well, now I come to the churel part. How does that poem go?—

'Under a spreading peepul tree
The village churel stands.'

"You're thinking of the village blacksmith, old boy," said Humfray.

"Well, you all know the thing," went on Tyrconnel.

"The ghost of Sad Lakes is something after the same style. A beautiful maiden with nodings on beckons you into the lake, and if you are mug enough to follow, you are never seen again.

"My shikari told me the story, and being of a venturesome nature——"

"What did you say?"

"Nothing, Turkey," I said, "Nothing."

"Well, as I was saying, being rather venturesome, I determined to go over to Sad Lakes to see if I could see the ghost."

"Meaning the beautiful maiden, starko," interrupted Tubbin.

"Don't interrupt, old boy," said Tyrconnel. "Kwai hai! Bristol Cream lao!!—Where was I? Oh! yes. Well, I went over there alone with my fishing rod and some *ata*.

"It's a gloomy looking spot, especially the first lake—the haunted one. It lies in a round basin at the foot of steep wooded hills, and the water is bright green—emerald green. The surface is glassy, no breeze ever ruffles it. Now and then a fish rises and breaks the surface. There's a sort of brooding stillness about the place.

"By the time I got down to the water's edge I was feeling a bit nervous. However, I pulled myself together, sat down on some rocks, baited my hook, and threw it out into the lake.

"The sun was warm and I made myself comfortable, and soon became quite drowsy. There was a cuckoo somewhere quite near, which kept on calling, and a barking deer kicked up the devil of a row from somewhere across the lake. However, in spite of these diversions I fell into a very pleasant doze.

"I don't know how long I slept, but I do know that I woke up very suddenly and abruptly, and with a queer sort of feeling of someone being near me. I raised my head to have a look.

"Not ten yards from me, mid-thigh deep in the water, stood the loveliest girl I've ever seen. She was, I suppose, about sixteen. Her colour was a sort of bronze, and—well, she was—words couldn't describe her.

"She was facing me. Her head was tilted back, and her lips were parted in a smile.

"She said something—she had a delightful, pleading sort of voice—beckoned, and turning waded out into the water and swam about. I was on my feet in a moment, and had my coat off before I remembered the legend of the lake. Even then I was in two minds whether to go or not.

"At that moment the girl screamed. Then my reel whirred and shrieked like a donkey engine, and away went the girl with my hook in her somewhere.

"By that time I had come to my senses and, realising that here was my chance to lay the Ghost of Sad Lakes, I picked up the rod and gave her the butt for all I was worth.

"By Gad! that girl could swim! She dived deep; she jumped almost clear of the water, and she sped away almost as fast as a fish—but the line held. She tried holding on to the bottom close in, but it was no good. Once she went slap across to the far side of the lake, and when I reeled her in, fought every inch of the way back.

"She was done then, and gave up fighting and started weeping and pleading. But I hardened my heart, though, dear God! it was hard. She was such a lovely child! I felt like Crippen, but thank God! I held on. Finding that her tears and pleadings were no good, she started fighting again, and just as vigorously as before. The rod was bent double and the reel screamed like forty cats, and I thought the line must go. Finally she dived deep. I thought she would never stop. She must have taken seventy yards of line with her. Gradually the pull became weaker and weaker, until at last it stopped altogether, and I began to reel in. Hard work it was, too, and my wrist ached like the devil, but still I kept on. I was not going to give her any rest if I could help it, though what I was going to do if I succeeded in landing her I hadn't considered.

"By the time my reel was half full the sweat was pouring off me, partly from the exertion and partly from pure funk—the dread of what was going to happen when I landed her.

"What could I do with her? I couldn't knock her on the head; I couldn't throw her back into the water; I didn't feel that I could take her home alive, and I wasn't going to let her go, to go on haunting the lake, picturesque as she was."

"Better than Brighton," suggested Major Anak.

"By the time she was getting near the surface," Tyrconnel went on, "I was fairly in a panic, and had half a mind to throw down the rod and run.

"Suddenly there was a swirl in the water, then something appeared on the surface, and I couldn't believe my eyes. It was nothing more terrifying than a fin, the back fin of a fish.

"I went on reeling in and finally landed the biggest mahseer I've seen. It must have weighed a hundred pounds at least."

"But you must have weighed it," said the Major.

"No, sir, I never got the chance. As soon as I got over my surprise, I rushed off for a coolie to carry it back, and left the fish lying on the bank. When I got back it had clean disappeared—and I'd left it dead as mutton."

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That was the story that Tyrconnel told us.

The picture of him at Bottom Lake, that I gave as a prologue, was the result of a talk I had with a man who was up there at the same time.

Tyrconnel is *triste*.

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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BIRTH.

AMBURY.—On the 23rd November, at Cologne, to R.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Ambury, 1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers—a son.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Lieut. R. Edgeworth-Johnstone to be Captain (dated 30th September).

Lieut.-Colonel A. C. L. H. Jones, on completion of his period of service in command, is placed on the h.p. list (dated 23rd November); Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., to be Lieut.-Colonel (dated 23rd November); Capt. and Bt. Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., to be Major (dated 23rd November).

REGULAR ARMY—RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

NORTH'D. FUS.—Major R. M. R. Lamb, D.S.O., to be Lieut.-Colonel (dated 7th February).

Major H. W. Archer to be Lieut.-Colonel (dated 17th March).

TERRITORIAL ARMY—RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

5TH BN. NORTH'D. FUS.—Major P. P. Phillips, from Active List, to be Major (dated 21st November).

7TH BN. NORTH'D. FUS.—Major H. R. Smail, T.D., from Active List, to be Major (dated 21st November).

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

COLOGNE,
November, 1925.

On 22nd November, Colonel Hardman Jones left us at the end of his period of command, and after nearly 28 years' service in the FIFTH.

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To nearly all of the oldest soldiers amongst us, he stood, at the time of the South African War, in the same position as the same old soldiers stand to the majority of us to-day—*i.e.*, at that time, as Colonel Herbert reminded us when we bade Colonel Hardman Jones farewell in the Officers' Mess, he was

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a pre-war soldier, and with one exception was now the only one left.

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For over 3½ years he commanded the 2nd Battalion in Macedonia and in France, so that he has spent over 7½ years in command of one battalion or the other of the Regiment.

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He assumed command of this Battalion at a difficult time in November, 1921. The Army was still only just beginning to settle down after the war, and, in addition, this Battalion was suffering the further disadvantage of being split up into numerous detachments in Ireland, just at the time when it was most imperative, from the point of view of efficiency, that they should be together under his hand for training and guidance. Here, on the Rhine, also, where so often the many calls on our personnel for extra-regimental employment have reduced the

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numbers left in barracks to a mere handful, the business of building up the Battalion and of gradually bringing it back to something approaching the pre-war standard of smartness and efficiency, has been no easy matter.

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The period of his command has therefore of necessity been one of reconstruction, and as such threw a great responsibility on his shoulders. Inside the Regiment there is abundant evidence of his success in tackling this responsibility and overcoming his difficulties. Nobody who has served with it throughout this period, or who may have had opportunities of judging it in the earlier days and then later, can fail to appreciate the great measure of success which has attended his efforts. And

No reference to the well-being of the Battalion under his command would be adequate without due tribute being paid to the splendid work done by Mrs. Hardman Jones. Imbued with a keen and sympathetic interest in the Regiment as a whole, and in each one of us individually, she earned a high place in the affections of all.

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No matter who it was, officer or other rank, or their families, all of us benefited by and appreciated her unfailing kindness and sympathy. A battalion is a very large family to look after, and yet no officer or man was ever sick or sorry for long without receiving from her those characteristic acts of kindness which count for so very much. The welfare and interests of

OFFICERS' GROUP TAKEN BEFORE DEPARTURE OF COLONEL HARDMAN JONES.

Back Row.—Lieut. Bland, Lieut. Kilgour, Lieut. Butterfield, Lieut. Beckwith, Lieut. Carr-Ellison, Lieut. Newstead, Capt. Edgeworth Johnstone, Lieut. Holdsworth Hunt.
Middle Row.—Capt. Buckley, Capt. Pemberton, Lieut. Seth Smith, Lieut. Jones, 2nd-Lieut. MacMullen, Lieut. Yorke, 2nd-Lieut. Parsons, Capt. Lindsay.
Sitting.—Capt. Powell, Capt. Myers, Lieut.-Col. Herbert, Lieut.-Col. Hardman Jones, Lieut. Nawhall, Capt. Braddell, Capt. Rushbrooke.

if opinion from outside is wanted, we have only to look back a short way to the last Brigade Commander's inspection, when the Battalion was congratulated on parade on its smart and soldier-like appearance, and when its interior economy was reported to be excellent.

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Much though he and all of us felt his departure, he leaves with the comfortable knowledge that the Battalion has made great progress under his leadership during this period of reconstruction, and when he looks back on the years of command, he may do so with the contented feelings of one whose duty to the Regiment was well, and always generously and unselfishly, done.

the married families were her constant care, and we have been fortunate indeed in having with us one who invariably placed her own interests last of all, and whose energy, inspired by her love of the Regiment, contributed so effectually to the happiness and well-being of everyone.

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Before they left Mrs. Hardman Jones entertained the married families to tea. On this occasion she was presented with a silver salver as a mark of gratitude for all her kindness. Mrs. Pullan, in an excellent little speech, thanked Mrs. Hardman Jones on behalf of them all, and wished them both all good luck in the future.

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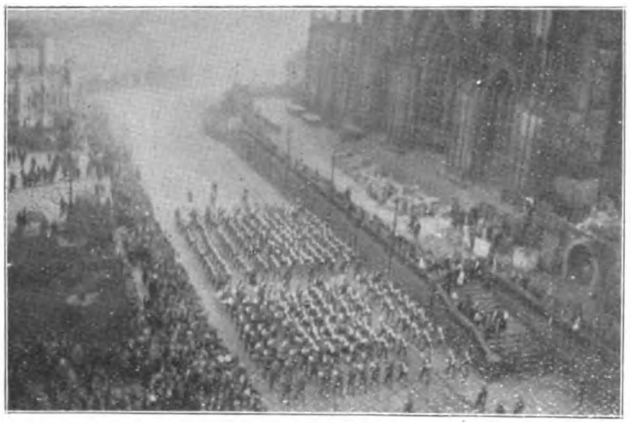
We wish them the very best of good fortune and look forward to seeing them amongst us on many occasions in the future.



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ARMISTICE DAY, 1925. DOORN SQUARE, SHOWING MASSED BANDS AND DRUMS MARCHING AWAY ON COMPLETION OF CEREMONY.
BUILDING ON THE RIGHT BEING THE BOTTOM OF THE DOORN CATHEDRAL.

Several farewell functions were arranged just before they left. First of all a dance in the men's dance hall, at which nearly all the Regiment and their families and friends must have been present, and which went with a great swing from start to finish, ably assisted by the Jazz Band under Mr. Windram.

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Later a very successful dance in the Officers' Mess, at which Colonel and Mrs. Hardman Jones were our guests.

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Finally, after Colonel Hardman Jones had dined in Mess for the last time, two nights before his departure, a very effective display was given by the Band and Drums on the Barrack Square.

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On this occasion each man in the Band and Drums had in his cap a small red or green electric light, and the Drum-Major's staff was also illuminated.

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It so happened that at the time of the display there was a very thick fog, and the scene from the window of the Institutes was weird and fascinating in the extreme, as these rows of glow-worms marched and counter-marched in the fog, playing all the old St. George's Day tunes, and led by the lights on the whirling staff of the Drum-Major. Nothing whatever could be seen of the players except their coloured lights, and one might almost say, without wishing to detract in any way from the personal beauty of the members of the Band and Drums, that the fog, by giving them this ghostly appearance, lent added effect to what was already a thoroughly well staged and well carried-out display.

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For the seventh time since the Armistice was signed, the British Army of the Rhine observed Armistice Day by a parade in the Doorn Square of representative detachments from the British Garrison, Rhine Flotilla and the British Legion, the detachment of this Battalion being commanded by Major Critchley Salmonson, and the King's and Regimental Colours being carried by Mr. Seth Smith and Mr. Macmullen, respectively.

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Impressive yet simple in form, the parade, or rather the atmosphere of it, was one not easily to be forgotten. During the assembly of the troops selections were played by the massed bands of the Fifth Fusiliers, 1st Bn. West Yorkshire Regt., 43rd Light Infantry, 1st Bn. Manchester Regt., 2nd Bn. Cameron Highlanders, and 1st Royal Ulster Rifles.

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Immediately before eleven o'clock the massed bands ceased playing, and as the clock in the Cathedral began striking the Officer commanding the parade called the troops to attention, after which the two minutes' silence was observed. The silence was complete except for the faint rumbling of traffic outside the cordon which had been formed, and for the strident and obviously deliberate cacchinations of a female, who may perhaps be most mildly described as "of late enemy origin," and who apparently derived a certain amount of insane satisfaction from thus insulting the solemn occasion, taking up her stand on the verandah of a hotel and causing her hideous voice to be heard over the whole square.

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At the end of the two minutes, the Officer commanding the parade gave the command, "Slope arms! In memory of our glorious dead, Present arms!" whereupon massed buglers sounded the "Last Post." The hymn "O valiant hearts" was then sung, followed by prayers by the Assistant Chaplain-General, and then by the massed buglers sounding the "Reveille." The troops then marched past, bringing to a close the last of these parades to be held in Cologne.

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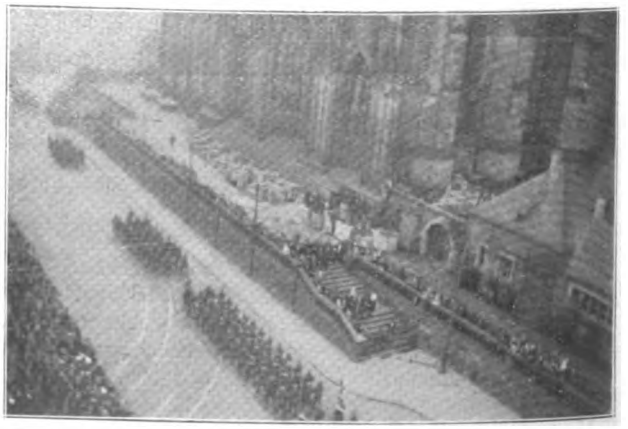
In the afternoon, in the presence of many British and Allied Officers and men and civilians, the Cross of Remembrance, which had been erected in the British Military Cemetery, Cologne, was unveiled by Col.-Commandant Maxwell-Scott, in memory of those who (to quote his own words) "often after much mental and bodily suffering, gave up their lives, far from their friends and relatives, in the midst of unsympathetic or hostile surroundings."



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MARCH-PAST IN FOURS OF THE DETACHMENT 1ST BN. 5TH FUSILIERS, ARMISTICE DAY, 1925.

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The Guard of Honour, with Band and Drums, was formed by the Fifth Fusiliers on this occasion.

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Congratulations to Colonel Herbert on his engagement. We all look forward to welcoming the future Mrs. Herbert before Christmas.

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Congratulations also to Captain Edgeworth Johnstone on his promotion.

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Capt. Powell and Mr. Kilgour have both departed on leave during the last month, and Capt. Steele has returned, as foreshadowed in the last number of the *Gazette*, to "do time" till February.

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Capt. Trenam has also left to take up a Territorial Adjutancy.

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As we write, the nation is in mourning for the death of the

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A VIEW OF THE BACK OF THE OFFICERS' MESS, 1ST BN. 5TH FUSILIERS, COLOGNE.

Queen-Mother. Many and eloquent tributes from all the world over have been paid to the memory of this great lady, who so simply and yet so nobly maintained the dignity of our Royal Family, and it is far beyond the humble powers of the writer to add to them. The following messages were exchanged between His Majesty the King and the G.O.C.-in-C. Rhine Army :—

From General du Cane,

To Private Secretary to H.M. King George—

"On behalf of myself and the British Army of the Rhine I wish to express our deep sympathy for the sad blow sustained by the Royal Family and the nation in the loss of the Queen-Mother."

From George R.I.

To G.O.-in-C. Rhine Army—

"I sincerely thank you and all ranks of the British Army of the Rhine for the kind expression of sympathy contained in your message."

BOXING NOTES.

We had a large number of entries for the Rhine Army Individual Novices' Competition, and three entries for the Boys Novices' Competition which was held at the Central Y.M.C.A., Friesen Strase, Cologne, on Wednesday, 18th, Thursday, 19th, and Friday, 20th of November. Owing to the very large number of competitors the Semi-Finals and Finals will be decided on Friday, 27th November. The following is a short description of each fight, as far as it concerns members of the Regiments.

1ST SERIES, FEATHER-WEIGHTS.

Fight No. 1.—Fus. Hurst, "X" Coy., *v.* Fus. Guest, "X" Coy.

Both men opened well, and Hurst was the more aggressive. Guest boxed coolly in the second round and scored freely to the point on account of Hurst dropping his guard.

In the third round both men hit hard and clean with both hands, Guest scoring continually with straight lefts and rights. About half-way through the round the Referee stopped the fight in Guest's favour, and awarded a Plucky Loser's Prize to Hurst.

Fight No. 2.—Fus. Marr, "Y" Coy., *v.* Drv. Kingham, R.A.

Marr attacked from the start and landed several times on his opponent's body, but was wild and often missed. The second and third rounds went in favour of Kingham, who was the more experienced boxer. Marr was awarded a Plucky Loser's Prize towards the end of the third round, the Referee stopping the fight in Kingham's favour. Marr must learn to guard and hit straighter.

Fight No. 4.—Fus. Davis, "Z" Coy., *v.* Pte. Jones, K.S.L.I.

Davis opened well and, although the smaller man, scored freely with straight hitting. In the second round both men went in hard and Jones was just up on points at the end of this round. Round 3 was much the same, Jones winning on points owing chiefly to his longer reach and being the heavier man. Davis boxed well throughout, and must get down to Bantam-Weight for future competitions.

1ST SERIES, LIGHT-WEIGHTS.

Fight No. 10.—Fus. Ranson, "W" Coy., *v.* Pte. Whenman, K.S.L.I.

Ranson won on points, and was the better man, but must hit much straighter if he wants to go far. He has a very good punch and can stand lots of punishment, but swings too much.

Fight No. 12.—Fusilier Ross, "Y" Coy., *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Sowter, K.S.L.I.

Both men opened cautiously, gradually warming up, but if Ross had taken more advantage of his openings he might have won. Sowter won on points after a very even contest.

Fight No. 14.—Fus. Simpson, "X" Coy., *v.* Pte. Neild, Manchester Regt.

Simpson boxed well but lacked strength, and Neild gradually collected points and won the bout on points. Simpson has a good style, but must learn to punch harder.

Fight No. 15.—Fus. McGillivray, "Z" Coy., *v.* Pte. Page, Manchester Regt.

This was a tame bout, neither men scoring until the third round, when Page delivered the k.o. McGillivray must learn to hit straight and mix it more.

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Fight No. 16.—Fus. Fairs, " Y " Coy., *v.* Fus. Cuthbert, " W " Coy.

This was one of the best fights of the evening, both men hitting hard and going in for a k.o. Fairs is a right-handed boxer, and has a peculiar style, but it can be very effective. Cuthbert hit hard and straight, and was unlucky to be k.o. by a left hook to the mark after a mix up at the end of the second round.

1ST SERIES, WELTER-WEIGHTS.

Fight No. 21.—Fus. McQueen, " Z " Coy., *v.* Pte. Kemp, Y. and L. Regt.

McQueen scored well with his left and gradually wore down his opponents; he won on points, and must learn to be more aggressive and use his right to more advantage.

Fight No. 29.—Fus. Ford, " W " Coy., *v.* Rfm. Pike, R.U.R.

This was a stirring bout, both men going in for a k.o., and Ford was well up on points when he won at the end of the third round with a k.o. right to the jaw.

Fight No. 30.—Fus. Ormston, " Z " Coy., was beaten on points by Lce.-Cpl. McNab, Manchester Regt.

Fight No. 31.—Lce.-Cpl. Shields, " W " Coy., was k.o. by Pte. Forrest, 43rd L.I.

1ST SERIES, MIDDLE-WEIGHTS.

Fus. Sudron, " Y " Coy., *v.* Rfm. Best, R.U.R.

This was a good bout until Rfm. Best delivered a k.o. at the end of the first round. Sudron must learn more about foot-work and defence.

Lce.-Cpl. Grey, " W " Coy., *v.* Pte. Salter K.S.L.I.

This was a stirring bout, with Grey always on top; he scored freely with either hand and hit very straight. Won on k.o. at end of third round.

Thursday night.

1ST SERIES, FEATHER-WEIGHT (BOYS).

Fight No. 4.—Boy Walsh, FIFTH, *v.* Boy Powey, Camerons.

Walsh was always the better boxer and hit hard and clean, the bout was keenly contested and Walsh deserved his win on points.

2ND SERIES, FEATHER-WEIGHTS.

Fight No. 5.—Fus. Guest, " X " Coy., *v.* Drv. Kingham, R.A.

This was an excellent bout, both men boxing and hitting well, and at the end of the third round there was very little to choose between them. However, the verdict went to Kingham. Guest should do well in future competitions. Fus. Guest was awarded a Plucky Loser's Prize.

Fight No. 12.—Fus. Marshall, " W " Coy., *v.* Pte. Baker, Y. and L. Regt.

Marshall went in hard and tried for the k.o.; in the second round he scored well and delivered a k.o. in the latter stages, of the second round.

He is a promising boxer and with more experience should do very well.

2ND SERIES, LIGHT-WEIGHTS.

Fight No. 13.—Fus. Ranson, " W " Coy., *v.* Pte. Jones, Oxford and Bucks. L.I.

Ranson won this bout on points and was boxing well in the third round; he is a promising fighter, but must get out of a very bad habit of swinging and very seldom connecting. When he makes use of his straight left the result is good.

Fight No. 16.—Fus. Fairs, " Y " Coy., *v.* Tpr. Sullivan, K.D.G.

Fairs was good and put up a very good show against Sullivan, who continually leant on his man and jostled with his chin and shoulder, and should have been disqualified before he delivered his k.o. to the mark.

2ND SERIES, WELTER-WEIGHTS.

Fight No. 22.—Fus. McQueen, " Z " Coy., *v.* Pte. Bradley, Manchester Regt.

McQueen was k.o. in the 1st round and was sent to hospital by the M.O. owing to a nasty blow over the heart.

Fight No. 26.—Fus. Ford, " W " Coy., *v.* Pte. Ryan, R.A.S.C.

Ford opened well, but Ryan was the better boxer, and after Ford had been severely punished he gave in. He must get down to Light-Weight for future competitions.

2ND SERIES, MIDDLE-WEIGHTS.

Fight No. 30.—Lce.-Cpl. Grey, " W " Coy., *v.* Pte. Kirk, Manchester Regt.

This was an even bout, both men knowing a good deal of the game, and Grey was unlucky to lose the verdict after three rounds.

Photo by] [*Dr. Jauncey.*

PHOTO OF HEADSTONES OF DECEASED BRITISH SOLDIERS.

EACH STONE BEARS THE CREST OF THE REGIMENT WHICH EACH SOLDIER BELONGED TO.

Fight No. 36.—Fus. Chalmers, " W " Coy., *v.* Gunner Pemberton, R.A.

Both men opened cautiously, and there was little between them at the end of the first round.

Round 2 saw Chalmers try for a k.o., but he was too slow and failed to take advantage of his opportunities.

Gunner Pemberton was awarded the verdict on points at the end of the third round.

Chalmers has a strong punch and must learn to be quicker and more agile.

Friday evening.

1ST SERIES, BANTAM-WEIGHTS.

Fight No. 1.—Fus. Dick, " Y " Coy., *v.* Pte. Thornton, Y. and L. Regt.

This was a very interesting fight, and Dick boxed well and

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with judgment, but was giving a lot of weight away. Thornton pressed home his advantage in the third round and won on points. Fus. Dick was only 1 lb. over Fly-Weight and was unlucky not to make the weight.

Photo by] [*O.C. "D."*

MEMORIAL CROSS TO BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR WHO DIED WHILST IN CAPTIVITY. ALSO BRITISH SOLDIERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY SINCE THE B.A.O.R.

UNVEILED, ARMISTICE SUNDAY, 1925.

SUDFRIEDHOF CEMETERY, COLOGNE.

2ND SERIES, FEATHER-WEIGHTS (BOYS).

Boy Walsh, 5th Fus., *v.* Boy Bamford, R.A.S.C.

Walsh fought well, and piled up points, eventually running out a good winner.

Boy Pinder, 5th Fus., *v.* Boy Smith, Manchester Regt.

Pinder fought hard and was always the better boxer and had the advantage of reach over his opponent; unluckily, he has had to go on leave and will not be able to fight in the Semi-Final and Finals on Friday.

3RD SERIES, FEATHER-WEIGHTS.

Fus. Marshall, "W" Coy., *v.* Pte. McDale, Cameron Highlanders.

The first round was very even, there being plenty of good hitting. In the second round Marshall had the better of things, and in the third round scored well with both hands and made use of his height and reach, to win comfortably on points.

3RD SERIES, LIGHT-WEIGHTS.

Fus. Ranson, "W" Coy., *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Sowter, K.S.L.I.

This was an interesting bout, Ranson trying for a k.o. and Sowter scoring points and eventually winning on points. Ranson again was wild and did not vary his attack enough for a cleverer opponent who might possibly have been defeated by straighter hitting.

2ND SERIES, BANTAM-WEIGHTS.

Fus. Buttery, "Y" Coy., *v.* Rfm. Mitchell, R.U.R.

Buttery had the advantage of reach, and though Mitchell fought gamely, had the better of things and scored well; in the second round Buttery pressed forward his advantage and following up a fine left and right with a right hook to the point, knocked out his opponent.

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The result is very satisfactory, and we hope to see Fus. Buttery (Bantam-Weight), Fus. Marshall (Feather-Weight), Boy Walsh (Feather-Weight, Boys) and Boy Haswell (Bantam-Weight, Boys) get into the Finals on Friday, 27th next.

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The Novices Team are starting training on Thursday, 26th, and we shall have a good all-round team from all appearances, and several good Novices are due back from leave shortly who were unable to fight in the Novices' Individual.

GOLF.

During the month of October the Battalion took part in the Rhine Army Inter-Unit Competition. Having no outstanding players to choose from, the selection of the team of four was a difficult matter, and finally the following were chosen to represent the Battalion:—Mr. Beckwith, Mr. Kilgour, Capt. Powell and Mr. Macmullen.

Photo by] [*Dr. Jauncey.*

CENTRAL VIEW OF CROSS, SHOWING IN BACKGROUND THE UNIFORM WAY THE HEADSTONES ARE PLACED OUT.

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Drawing a bye in the first round, and defeating the Royal Ulster Rifles by 3 matches to 1 in the second, we found ourselves opposed to our old rivals, the R.A.S.C., who were responsible for our downfall the previous year.

This match provided many thrills, and the result hung in the balance till the very end, when Mr. MacMullen came in with only a deficit of 1 hole, the Battalion side being then 4 holes to the good.

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The final against the R.A.'s took place on Wednesday, 28th October. The foursomes were played in the morning, each side gaining a victory. Hearing the Battalion passing on a long and tedious route march added quite 20 yards to our drives and inspired us to tackle our opponents with a certain amount of confidence in the afternoon.

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The singles were lost by 3 matches to 1, Mr. MacMullen being the only victorious player on our side. Capt. Powell was beaten on the 16th, Mr. Beckwith on the 17th, and Mr. Kilgour on the 18th, so the side died fighting to the end.

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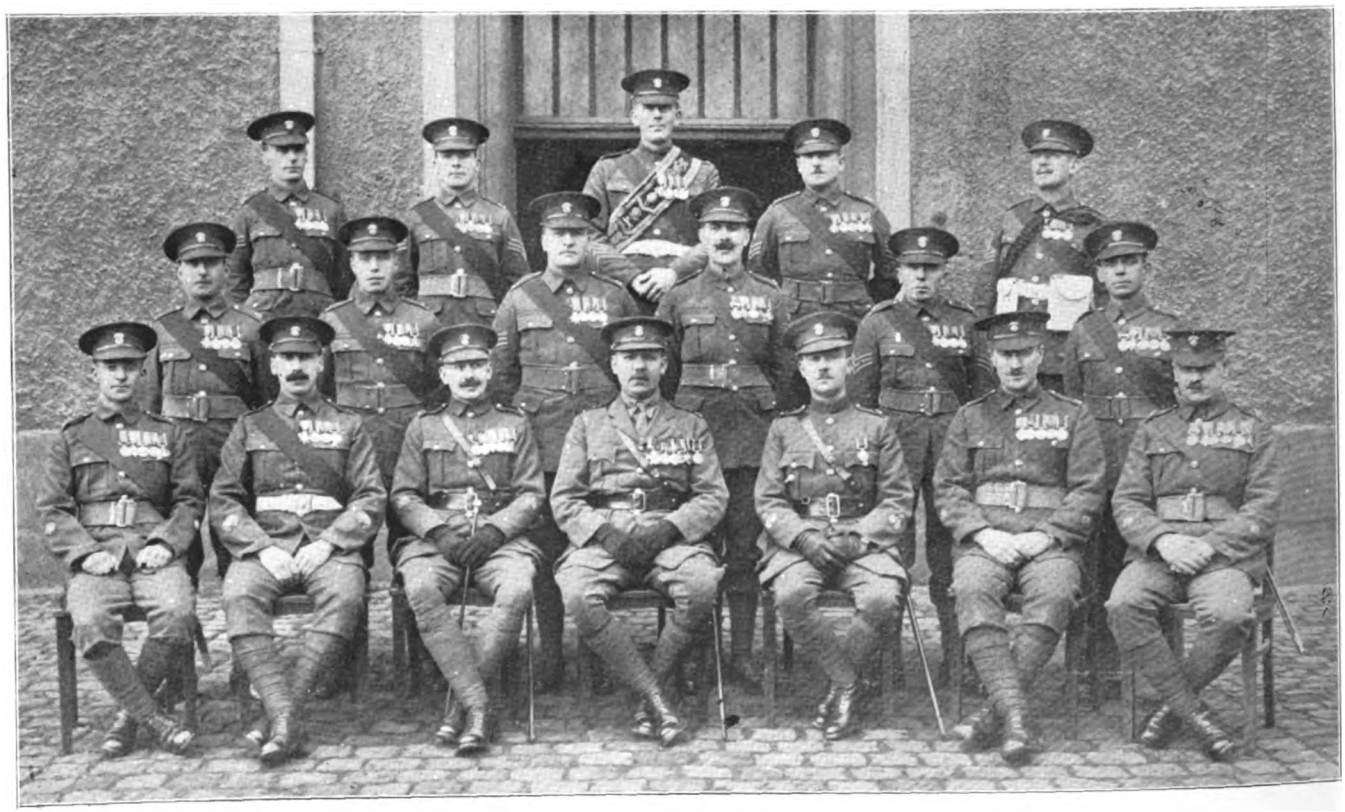
The writer wishes to congratulate the side on the excellent show that was put up, especially in the final against more experienced and more finished golfers, and wishes to add that unfortunately he was unable to win any of his matches during the competition.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

It was decided at the beginning of the season that men who were likely to represent the Battalion should be sent on leave at once if they wished to go. Consequently for the last month we have played different men almost every match.



THE ABOVE PHOTO IS A GROUP OF MEMBERS OF THE MESS IN POSSESSION OF THE TREASURED AWARD, "THE LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL." AVERAGE SERVICE READS=21 YEARS 5 MONTHS 10 DAYS.

Back Row.—C.Q.M.S. Ludford, Sgt. Humphries, Dmr.-Major Hebbron, C.Q.M.S. Pask, Lce.-Sgt. Hobbs.

Middle Row.—C.S.M. Mellors, Sgt. Gibbons, Sgt. Flatcher, C/Sgt. Gale, Sgt. Byrne, C.S.M. Wisdom.

Sitting.—C.S.M. Watson, M.M., R.Q.M.S. Ambury, R.S.M. Pullan, D.C.M., Capt. and Q.M. Myers, M.C., D.C.M., B.M. Wyndham, C.S.M. Guttridge, C.S.M. Clark.

The idea has been to try and find new men who might be likely Battalion footballers.

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What we want is a good strong team for Ireland, and the building up of it has to be done out here, so we cannot expect brilliant results at once.

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Our "defence" is distinctly good, Lce.-Cpl. Bell of "W" Coy. being a great find.

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Our attack is weak. The wings will not lie up the field enough,

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and the forwards are inclined to loose their places. They do not seem to have grasped the "new" game yet.

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However, we soon hope to select our definite team, and so have them playing together; we shall then be able to overcome our weak points.

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We have so far played 10 matches; won 2; lost 6; drawn 2. We have also been unfortunate in having had 9 away matches and only 1 at home. This, of course, makes a great difference to the team.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

On the 8th October, the Officers challenged the Sergeants to a football match on the Barrack Square.

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The particular feature of this match was, for the captains of teams to turn out teams of eleven, "if possible all to be pre-war individuals." The following represented the teams:—

OFFICERS:—

Capt. Bradell.
Capt. Rushbrooke, D.S.O. Capt. Powell.
Lt. Johnstone. Capt. Buckley. Lt. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C.
Capt. Scanlan, M.C. Capt. Trenam, O.B.E., M.C.
Capt. Pemberton. Lt. Seth Smith. Col. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O.

SERGEANTS:—

Sgt. Walsh. 17½ yrs. Sgt. Wagg. 23 yrs. C.Q.M.S. Ludford. 21 yrs. Sgt. Gibbons. 18½ yrs.
Lce.-Sgt. Hobbs (21 years).
C/Sgt. Gale. 21 yrs. C.S.M. Watson. 21 yrs. C.S.M. Clark. 21 yrs.
Dmr.-Maj. Hebbron. 20 yrs. Sgt. Murphy. 18½ yrs.
R.Q.M.S. Ambury. 22 yrs.
Referee: L/Cpl. Taylor.
Linesmen: C.S.M. Dipper, Fus. Gilley.

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After a most exciting and thrilling game the Officers proved victorious in winning by the small margin of 4 goals to 2. The game was not only enjoyed by the players, but also immensely by the spectators. From the latter even the latest joined recruits could be heard:—"Go on ——," "Well played ——," shouting the nickname of the player or players concerned. To some of the players the nicknames were not understood, which was perhaps as well.

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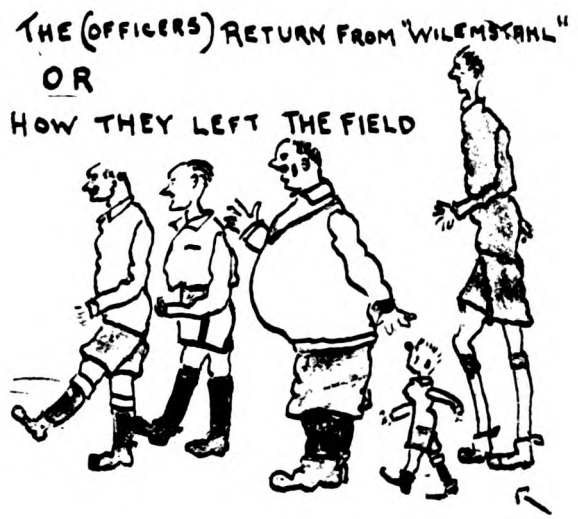
To readers of the account of this match who could not be spectators, the surviving members of the Sergeants' team only think it justifiable to take this opportunity in phrasing a few consoling words to friends and relatives of those who are now just verging on the stages of recovery. In tendering our deepest sympathy it can be added, "that the cause of such injuries being inflicted on the veterans concerned was, through the daring and ineffective but gallant raids to secure a victory for those whom since are allowed to query the referees decision on the result."

A certain amount of satisfaction is derived from whispers



that the referee is believed to have officiated numerous times in this exalted degree of office, but mainly in Rugby matches, boxing matches, etc., and always open to query, when adjudicating, as to if it is necessary to cause cessation of hostilities when six of eleven have been moved from the field of slaughter in conditions most precarious.

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We were rather disappointed that duties, etc., interfered somewhat in turning out the original team selected to represent the Mess. As already stated, the particular feature of this game was for captains of teams to pick the oldest pre-war veterans—well, the original team was chosen from 18 of our proud possessors of that treasured award, "THE LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL," but in the absence of those concerned with duties we were obliged to substitute with a few young soldiers, which information reveals itself by the service quoted under each individual's name.

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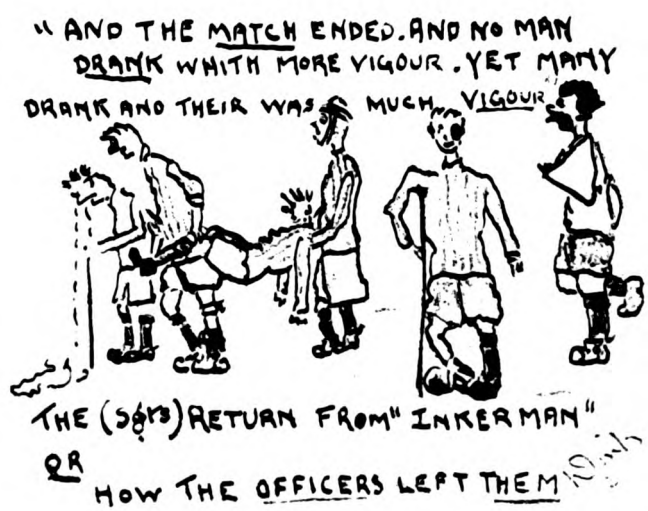
It is considered a great consolation that duties did cause the


"AND THE MATCH ENDED. AND NO MAN
DRANK WHITH MORE VIGOUR. YET MANY
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HOW THE OFFICERS LEFT THEM

absence of some veterans, inasmuch that they do live to fight

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the battle another day, whereby had they played on this occasion the members in possession of that treasured award might have been reduced from—ha'um—say—18 to 17, so that it is fully realised if such reductions were to repeat themselves we would eventually suffer to the extent of our maximum number reading equivalent in number to that of the FIFTH. Such would not be welcomed, as it is hoped that in, say—a few minutes that 25 per cent. of these decorations may be ornamented under the three years' act with a Good Conduct Bar.

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Although the desires of the said 25 per cent. is to achieve a second Good Conduct Bar, it is thought that when that period arrives (AND NOT BEFORE) that decision should then be considered as to "if the Mess looks a bit old or otherwise."

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To conclude the notes on this match minus a few complimentary remarks on our leading enthusiasts, would be undoubtedly "gross neglect."

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Some of the team displayed a most excellent show, particularly C.S.M. Nobby; but comparatively, against some of his opponents, an "infinitesimal worm," he, after being allowed to breathe the breath of life each time, strongly objected to being sandwiched—somehow we believe he was not at all sorry when that welcome whistle rang out indicating that "ALL IS O'ER, THE BATTLE'S LOST."

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No doubt he will lead us to victory next time—(*H'ha'*).

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The remainder of the team can be congratulated on their performance, as follows:—

Mattie, Talli-oh, and Micky did well.
Gibbo did likewise, but Hobbs went to ——.
Windy played cookum as Donkey was bad.
The remainder proved useless through feeling so (sad)?

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A Whist Drive and Dance was held in Barracks on the 16th October. The results of prizes were as follows:—

Ladies.—1st Prize, Mrs. Byrne; 2nd Prize, Mrs. Smith; Booby Prize, Mrs. Jackson.

Gents.—1st Prize, Sgt. Crawley; 2nd Prize, R.S.M. Pullan; Booby Prize, Bdmstr. Wyndham.

On completion of distribution of prizes, the Dance commenced with great vim. The Band left nothing to be desired. The crazy jazz effect was sure to the fore, and the evening was a huge success.

We trust that success achieved by this Whist Drive and Dance may lead to many more, and above all at more frequent intervals, hoping that Mrs. Wyndham, who so kindly consented to present the prizes, may do better on future occasions than to present Mr. Wyndham with the Booby Prize.

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The following Promotions and Appointments have taken place during October:—

Cpl. Hutchinson appointed Lce.-Sergeant, with effect from 20/8/25.

Lce.-Sgt. Kirby promoted Sergeant, with effect from 20/8/25.

To the A.M. we tender congratulations.

Congratulations to C.Sgt. Gale on promotion to Warrant Officer Class II. (Quartermaster-Sergeant—Orderly Room Sergeant), with effect from 15/11/25.

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Sgts. Moore and Smart, probably better known as "Pony and Mister," are at present on leave in England. We feel sure that they will enjoy their vacation, providing they do not collide, otherwise the indication mark reads ! ! ! ! DISASTER.

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A Billiard Handicap took place during October and November. The following record is published, as it is thought that various names may prove familiar to our distant friends in Ponky-land.

FIRST ROUND.

Name	H'cap.	Result.		Name.	H'cap.	Result.
Sgt. Flatcher ..	250	168	v.	Sgt. Moore ..	120	120
Sgt. Phillips ..	100	100	v.	Sgt. Ratcliff ..	180	145
Sgt. Wagg ..	170	148	v.	C.Q.M.S. Lewis	180	180
Sgt. Clare ..	240	240	v.	C.S.M Dipper	180	113
Lce.-Sgt. Hurt ..	130	130	v.	C.Q.M.S. Ludford	240	215
Dmr.-Major Hebbron	300	252	v.	C.Q.M.S. Peak	190	190
Lce.-Sgt. Locke ..	160	160	v.	Sgt. Swain ..	220	140
Lce. Sgt. Croft ..	210		v.	C.Q.M.S. Allen ..	90	scr.
S.Sgt. Taylor ..	230	169	v.	R.Q.M.S. Ambury ..	260	260

SECOND ROUND.

R.Q.M.S. Ambury ..	260	260	v.	C.Q.M.S. Lewis ..	180	145
Lce.-Sgt. Locke ..	160	125	v.	C.Sgt. Gale ..	160	160
C.S.M. Watson ..	270	270	v.	Lce.-Sgt. Hobbs ..	300	296
Lce.-Sgt. Croft ..	210	167	v.	Sgt. Clare ..	240	240
Lce.-Sgt. Hurt ..	130	130	v.	Sgt. Crawley ..	100	95
C.Q.M.S. Peak ..	190	118	v.	Bd.-Sgt. Chislett ..	100	100
Sgt. Crawley ..	100	42	v.	C.S.M. Clark ..	145	145

THIRD ROUND.

R.Q.M.S. Ambury ..	260	260	v.	C.S.M. Watson ..	270	220
Lce.-Sgt. Hurt ..	130	102	v.	C.S.M. Clark ..	145	145
Sgt. Phillips ..	100	86	v.	Bd.-Sgt. Chislett ..	100	100
C.Sgt. Gale ..	160	160	v.	Sgt. Clare ..	240	199

SEMI-FINAL.

R.Q.M.S. Ambury ..	260	260	v.	Bd.-Sgt. Chislett ..	100	64
C.S.M. Clark ..	145	145	v.	C.Sgt. Gale ..	160	148

FINAL.

R.Q.M.S. Ambury ..	260	260	v.	C.S.M. Clark ..	145	127

FOR THIRD PRIZE.

C.Sgt. Gale ..	160	131	v.	Bd.-Sgt. Chislett ..	100	100

RESULT.—1st, R.Q.M.S. Ambury; 2nd, C.S.M. Clark; 3rd, Bd.-Sgt. Chislett.

Great credit is due to the organiser of the above, whose name is better announced as the winner.

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C.S.M. Clark, who is due to leave us, on completion of 21 years, in a few weeks' time, had somewhat hard lines. We learn from him that the balls during this particular game (Final) did not appear the normal size. In asking why they did not appear normal size, the innocent response is well known to all who know Nobby, hence the result—he is now impecunious.

DULL PEOPLE.

"The Dubbleighs had a mind reader at their house the other evening."

"What a dull time he must have had."

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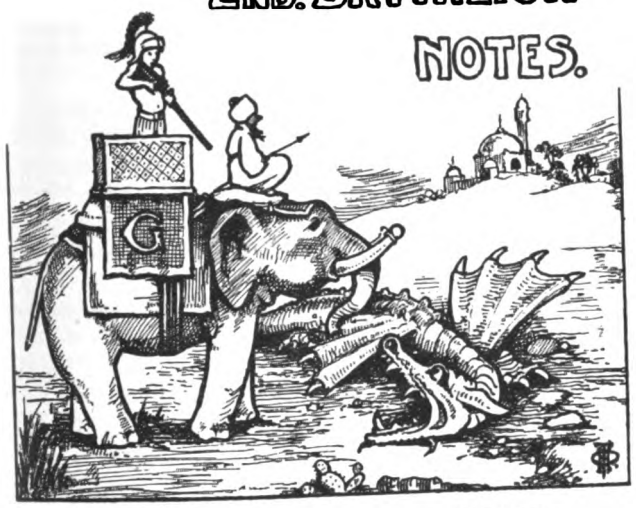
2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



FYZABAD,
October, 1925.

This month has seen much coming and going, and the winter season may be said to have fairly started.

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On 8th October, a draft of 30 N.C.O.'s and men left for Deolali on their way home. They were due to sail in the Transport *Nevassa* about a week later, and our best wishes accompany them. They included C.Q.M.S. Tudor, Sgt. Salt, Cpl. Dickenson and many others who had made their mark in the Battalion and whose departure is to be regretted. C.Q.M.S. Pollard went home with them on winter furlough, and C.S.M. Moon leaves in a few days on a similar errand.

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The same ship which is to take them home arrived in Bombay on 7th October with a draft of 67 N.C.O.'s and men for the Battalion, under the command of Capt. C. Chipper, M.C. They apparently had various unpleasant experiences on the way out, including a storm in the Bay of Biscay, a hot spell in the Red Sea, and an irksome delay of ten days in the Overseas Rest Camp at Deolali, where, by high decree, all incoming troops are required to undergo a period of quarantine, apparently for fear they may, perchance, introduce some new disease into India. To one with knowledge of the country and its multiplicity of diseases the precaution seems rather far fetched.

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We offer our heartiest congratulations to Colonel Kershaw on his promotion to the command of the Battalion. This took effect from the 15th September, on which date Colonel Sandilands assumed the appointment of Infantry Instructor at the Senior Officers' School, Sheerness.

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Colonel Kershaw went to Bombay at the beginning of the month to meet Mrs. Kershaw, who came out in the same ship as the draft, and we have much pleasure in welcoming her as the first Commanding Officer's wife the Battalion has known for more than a decade.

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Major-General C. J. Deverell, C.B., Commanding the United Provinces District, paid us an official visit on the 8th and 9th October. It was in the nature of a farewell, as he is due to vacate his appointment shortly. During his stay he delivered two lectures on the military operations in the vicinity of Mons and Le Cateau in 1914, which were rendered all the more interesting by the fact that he was there in person and came to know the country very intimately at a later date when in command of a Division. He also spent an afternoon watching the troops playing various games, visited the Officers' Club, dined in the Mess, and attended and gave away the prizes at the Novices' Boxing Tournament, of which an account appears elsewhere.

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Mr. Surtees has left us for a few months to take up the appointment of "Orderly Officer" to the Officer Commanding the 19th Indian Infantry Brigade, in Lucknow.

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We congratulate Mr. Bucknall and Mr. Olver on their promotion to the rank of Lieutenant.

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Capt. Baxter has returned from the Artillery Practice Camp at Kakool, and Capt. Cooper, Mr. Fryer and Mr. Humphreys from leave. Mr. Grimley has gone to take part in the Northern Command Manœuvres, and Mr. Clifford to a Physical Training Course.

THE OPEN NOVICES' BOXING COMPETITION.

The Open Novices' Boxing Competition, held on 6th, 7th and 8th October, produced an abundance of talent, and hopes for the future wealth and strength of the Regimental Boxing Team are considerably enhanced.

Some very fine contests were witnessed, particularly when men of the same Unit and Company met and produced evidence of the consciousness and determination with which men enter into the spirit of the noble art.

We particularly welcome the success of the 9th Battery R.A., who ran "D" Company to a close finish for the team Cup.

The final night's boxing was held under the patronage of Major-General C. J. Deverell, C.B., G.O.C. United Provinces District, who took the opportunity of bidding all farewell on his impending departure to England on vacating his command.

In the course of his speech he mentioned the services rendered by Fus. Hosker and Bdmn. Anderson, both of whom are going home this year, and Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock, in the interest of Service Boxing. He hoped that all those going to the Reserve this Trooping Season would carry away with them a happy recollection of the sport that they had enjoyed in the Army.

The Team Cup, won by "D" Company, was then presented by the General to Fus. Hosker, and the Team Medals and Individual Cups and Medals to the respective winners.

Three cheers for General Deverell, called for by the Commanding Officer, were most heartily given.

Our thanks are due to Major Hume-Wright, who so kindly officiated as referee, and to Lieuts. Maynard and Humphreys as judges.

Herewith results :—

Results of the first night :—

Light-Weight (1st Series).—Fus. Gobin, "D" Coy., 5th Fus., beat Fus. Gray, "A" Coy.; Driver Payne, 9th Bn. R.A., beat Fus. Forrest, "A" Coy., 5th Fus., after an extra round; Driver Browne, 9th Bn. R.A., k.o. Fus. Charlton, "C" Coy., 5th Fus., in the third round; Fus. Morfitt, "D" Coy., 5th Fus., beat Fus. Bowerbank, "C" Coy.

Welter-Weight (1st Series).—Fus. McIntyre, "A" Coy., 5th

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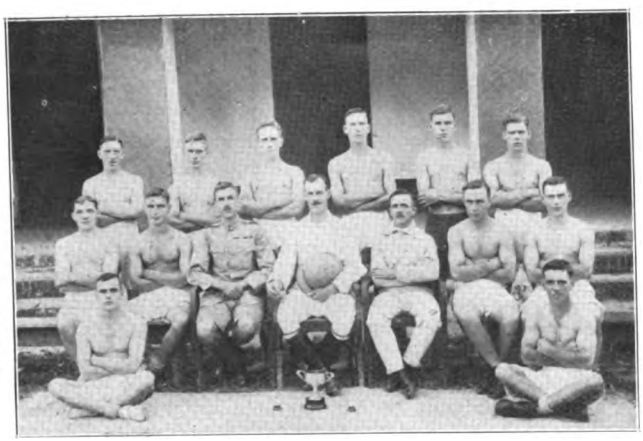
Fus., beat Fus. Langmead, "C" Coy.; Fus. Smith, "D" Coy., k.o. Fus. Judd, "C" Coy., in second round; Lce.-Bdr. Lowes, 9th R.A., beat Fus. Whitt, "A" Coy., 5th Fus.; Fus. Rutter, "D" Coy., 5th Fus., beat Gnr. Parker, 9th R.A.

Middle-Weight (1st Series).—Fus. Wilson, "A" Coy., 5th Fus., k.o. Fus. Osgoon, "C" Coy., in the second round; Gnr. Bailey, 9th R.A., k.o. Gnr. Wallace in the third sound; Fus. Crinson, "D" Coy., 5th Fus., k.o. Fus. Broxham, "C" Coy., in the second round; Fus. Watson, "D" Coy., 5th Fus., beat Fus. Walden, "A" Coy.

Heavy-Weight (1st Series).—Gnr. Kilber, 9th R.A., k.o. Fus. Kalaher, "A" Coy., 5th Fus., in the second round; Gnr. Parkinson, 9th R.A., k.o. Fus. Strong, "D" Coy., 5th Fus., in the first round.

Results of the second night:—

Feather-Weight (1st Series).—Fus. Smith, "A" Coy., 5th Fus., k.o. Fus. Giles, "D" Coy., in the first round; Fus. McRae, "C" Coy., 5th Fus., k.o. Cpl. Phillips, "D" Coy., in the second round; Driver Hughes, 9th R.A., beat Fus. Greenwood, "C" Coy., 5th Fus.



"D" Company, 2nd Bn. Fifth Fusiliers.

WINNERS FIFTH FUSILIERS NOVICES OPEN BOXING COMPETITION.

FYZABAD, OCTOBER, 1925.

Standing.—Fus. D. Morfitt, a/Dmr. H. Antcliffe (Winner Bantams), Fus. E. Strong, Fus. T. Summerside, Fus. R. Crinson, Fus. J. Watson.

Seated.—Fus. Gobin, Fus. J. Smith, C.S.M. E. Beck, M.M., Capt. E. H. Baxter, Fus. R. Hosker (Trainer), Fus. E. Rutter (Winner Welters), Cpl. W. Phillips.

Bottom.—Fus. D. Malone. Fus. F. Giles.

Bantam-Weight (Semi-Final).—Fus. Antcliffe, "D" Coy., 5th Fus., beat Gnr. Butcher, 9th R.A.

Light-Weight (Semi-Finals).—Driver Payne, 9th R.A., beat Fus. Gobin, "D" Coy., 5th Fus.; Driver Browne, 9th R.A., beat Fus. Morfitt, "D" Coy., 5th Fus.

Welter-Weight (Semi-Finals).—Fus. Smith, "D" Coy., 5th Fus., beat Fus. McIntyre, "A" Coy.; Fus. Rutter, "D" Coy., 5th Fus., beat Lce.-Bdr. Lowes, 9th R.A.

Middle-Weight (Semi-Finals).—Fus. Wilson, "A" Coy., 5th Fus., beat Gnr. Wallace, 9th R.A.; Fus. Watson, "D" Coy., 5th Fus., beat Fus. Crinson, "D" Coy., after an extra round.

Heavy-Weight (Semi-Finals).—Gnr. Kilber, 9th R.A., beat Gnr. Parkinson, 9th R.A.; Fus. Beck, "C" Coy., 5th Fus., beat Fus. Summerside, "D" Coy.

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Third night results:—

Bantam-Weight (Final).—Fus. Antcliffe, "D" Coy., 5th Fus., beat Fus. Malone, "D" Coy.

Feather-Weight (Final).—Fus. McRae, "C" Coy., 5th Fus., beat Driver Hughes, 9th R.A.

Light-Weight (Final).—Driver Browne, 9th R.A., beat Driver Payne, 9th R.A.

Welter-Weight (Final).—Fus. Rutter, "D" Coy., 5th Fus., beat Fus. Smith, "D" Coy.

Middle-Weight (Final).—Fus. Wilson, "A" Coy., 5th Fus., beat Fus. Watson, "D" Coy., after an extra round.

Heavy-Weight (Final).—Fus. Beck, "C" Coy., 5th Fus., beat Gnr. Kilber, 9th R.A.

Special Contests.—Fus. Phillips, "D" Coy., 5th Fus., k.o. Fus. Turner, "A" Coy., in the third round; Fus. Murphy, "B" Coy., 5th Fus., beat Fus. Hayton, "A" Coy.; Driver Williams, 9th R.A., k.o. Driver Lydente, 9th R.A., in the fourth round.

The Team Cup was won by "D" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, with a score of 38 points; the 9th Battery R.A. being second, with 33 points.

The best loser's prize was awarded to Fus. Forrest, "A" Coy., 5th Fusiliers.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The chief item of interest during the month was the farewell dinner in honour of all members who are leaving us this Trooping Season.

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In the departure of C.Q.M.S. Tudor, M.M., C.Q.M.S. Williams, D.C.M., Sergts. Salt, Merrin, Surtees and Hebburn, the Regiment are losing the services of five experienced N.C.O.'s whose places will not be easily filled. Their loss to the Mess is irreparable.

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C.Q.M.S. Tudor, with 21 years in the Regiment and an outstanding figure in the social life of the Mess; C.Q.M.S. Williams on 21 years' service; and Sergts. Salt, Surtees, Merrin and Hebburn, all of whom are going to the Reserve, were the life and soul of our little home. It seems almost inconceivable to realise that they are to leave our midst. However, the Regiment's loss is Civil gain, for rumour has it that more than one will again be guardians of law and peace in the civil garb of "Bobby Peel."

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The dinner was largely attended. The toasts of the "King Emperor" and "Departing Members" was given by R.Q.M.S. Atkinson. The reply on behalf of the departing members, undertaken by C.Q.M.S. Tudor, was one of those efforts which are so characteristic of the wit and humour of our worthy T.A.T.

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During the evening the Commanding Officer and Officers called to pay their compliments. The Commanding Officer made a very happy speech, in which he coupled the names of all the above members. His feelings were reciprocated by all.

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The usual round of festivities followed, the chain of the departing members and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" bringing a memorable occasion to a close. Thursday morning was a welcome respite from labour!

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Our thanks are due to O.R. Q.M.S. Willson and his Committee for the success of the evening, and the discretion and foresight in the appointment of the day (Wednesday come Thursday).

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C.Q.M.S. Tudor and Sgt. Salt left Fyzabad on the morning of the 8th October, to sail per the s.s. *Nevassa* on the 14th. T.A.T. had gone into seclusion for three days, so the immensity of his round of civilian friends may very well be judged. However, he appeared again on the 8th, though it is doubtful whether both of the above members remember much of the send-off accorded to them by a party of "braves" who assembled at the station at the unearthly hour of 2 a.m. to give them a final cheer.

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The Bandmaster and Mrs. Steffen have rejoined from leave to U.K., both looking fit and well. Q.M.S. Scott and Mrs. Scott are at Deolali on return from leave to U.K.

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C.Q.M.S. Pollard departs for winter leave per the s.s. *Nevassa*.

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Congratulations to Sgt. Hunter on his marriage at Bombay during the present month, and to Sgt. and Mrs. Green on the arrival of a son—8¼ lbs.

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Lce.-Sgt. Bosworth is welcomed on appointment.

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The tennis courts are in full swing and right merrily go the rounds.

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The Mess team remains unbeaten. Against the Corporals at hockey we managed a goalless draw, though hard put to on occasions.

COLOUR-SERGEANT (C.Q.M.S.) T. WILLIAMS, D.C.M.

In the departure to U.K., on the 11th November, 1925, of No. 7807947 Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) T. Williams, D.C.M., the Battalion has lost yet another of those fine old warriors whose 21 years in the Army was rich with protracted periods of service abroad. Sixteen of the 21 years were served in climes outside the Old Country, and 12 of the 16 on the scorching plains of India. What more meritorious service could one render for King and Country.

Colour-Sergeant Williams originally served in the Leicestershire Regiment, enlisting as far back as 21st June, 1904. He left England in October, 1906, with the 2nd Bn. to serve in India. On New Year's Day, 1907, he transferred to the 5th Fusiliers, in order to serve with his elder brother, and from then onwards the spirit of the Regiment has been the underlying influence in a fine and brilliant career.

With the 1st Bn. he served at Calcutta, Peshawar, Rawal Pindi, and Deolali, until transferred to the Army Reserve in 1912.

On the outbreak of war he was recalled on mobilisation, and was drafted to the 1st Bn., joining them on the Aisne. He went through all the great battles which followed until invalided home in March, 1915. His period of rest was of short duration, for he rejoined the 1st Bn. in June, 1915, to serve as a Machine Gunner until his transfer to the Machine Gun Corps on its formation in January, 1916. His fighting connection with the Battalion was, however, not severed, for he was posted straight away to the 3rd Division Machine Gun Company, and so still remained in close association with the old Regiment.

It is his proud boast that he never missed an action with the 1st Bn. during the whole of the years which followed until his being wounded in October, 1918, when victory was in sight.

He was in action with his guns with the 1st Bn. on the Arras sector when awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal, during the great German offensive of March, 1918, and he fought side by side with the old Regiment in the succeeding days, when the dogged determination of the 3rd Division left the enemy with little or no advantage after weeks of terrific onslaughts.

NO. 7807947 COLOUR-SERGEANT (C.Q.M.S.) T. WILLIAMS, D.C.M.

He re-enlisted in 1919, and was posted to the 11th Bn. M.G.C. at Cawnpore, India, where he served until the disbandment of the Corps, when he was re-transferred back to the FIFTH, joining the 2nd Bn. at Dinapore in February, 1921.

As Machine Gun Sergeant with the Battalion he found ample scope for his undoubted ability. He left the M.G. Platoon on promotion to present rank.

In addition to the D.C.M. he was also in possession of the Medaille Militaire (for action at Delville Wood with 1st Bn., January, 1917), 1914 Star, General Service and Victory Medals, and the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

During his post-war service in India he had the honour of being present on the Guard of Honour which greeted the Prince of Wales on his arrival at Patna in 1921. He was also a regular figure in the Colour party on all Ceremonial Parades with the 2nd Bn. It is also worthy of record that in his twentieth year of service he annexed Battalion Shot, an accomplishment

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typical of the tenacious "never-say-die" spirit of the old Fusilier.

His record is characteristic of the man. Of quiet disposition, his efficient work, courage and ability were the fundamentals of his well earned rank.

That he may have many happy years in civil life, comfort in his pension, and every prosperity, is the sincere wish of all who came to know him and to respect his personal qualities as a soldier and comrade.

"TALLFELLER."

AS OTHERS SEE US

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

FYZABAD,
24th October, 1925.

Our congratulations to the undermentioned on their Promotions and Appointments :—

EXTRACTS FROM DAILY ORDERS—PART II.

The undermentioned are appointed Lce.-Sergeants with effect from 15/8/1925 :—No. 4257136 Cpl. E. Springate, "A" Coy. ; No. 4258099 Cpl. J. Moran, "C" Coy. ; No. 4258935 Cpl. W. Wasse, H.Q. Wing ; No. 7809642 Cpl. W. Tindall, H.Q. Wing.

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No. 4260526 Lce.-Cpl. J. Dolan, "D" Coy., promoted Paid Corporal with effect from 20/6/1925.

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No. 4256745 Lce.-Cpl. T. Rodgers, "C" Coy., appointed Paid Lce.-Corporal with effect from 20/6/1925.

No. 4257184 Lce.-Cpl. A. Barrett, "A" Coy., promoted Paid Corporal with effect from 1/9/1925.

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No. 4256942 Lce.-Cpl. A. Bosworth, "A" Coy., appointed Paid Lce.-Corporal with effect from 1/9/1925.

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No. 4256942 Lce.-Cpl. A. Bosworth, "A" Coy., promoted Corporal with effect from 5/9/1925, and appointed Unpaid Lce.-Sergeant with effect from same date.

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No. 4257642 Lce.-Cpl. A. Faid, "B" Coy., promoted Corporal with effect from 13/10/1925.

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No. 731073 Lce.-Cpl. F. Jacobs, "C" Coy., appointed Paid Lce.-Corporal with effect from 5/9/1925.

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No. 4260386 Lce.-Cpl. R. Sumpter, "B" Coy., appointed Paid Lce.-Corporal with effect from 13/10/1925.

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No, no, dear Reader, this is not a brief account of a picnic party in the Jungle, but a few notes on the happenings of our little, wee dug-out—*i.e.*, the Corporals' Club.

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These notes, we know, are the first you have had for a long, long time. For this we do not know who to blame ; the reason being we lost our last Dearly Beloved Note Scratcher, who left us to join the Upper Sect. But, nevertheless, we think we shall be able to manage a few lines every month—that is to say, if a small corner can be spared us.

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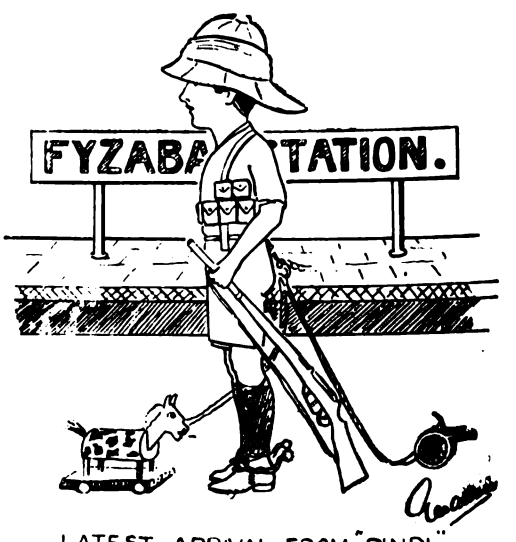
After all is said and done, the Club has been very quiet, except for the gramophone, during the hot summer months : the reason for this, naturally, being due to the fact that our Entertainment Committee is not yet climatised ; but now that the cold season is coming we hope to do something to relieve the monotony of our plain station.



LATEST ARRIVAL FROM "PINDI".

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Of course you know that we have lost our great chess player in the person of Cpl. Wasse, who has now got his feet under the senior Mess table, and we tender him the best wishes on his appointment.

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We must also congratulate Cpls. Springate and Tindall, who have left us on appointment to Lance-Sergeant; of course, in their case we cannot say of these two that they have their feet under the senior Mess table, the reason being, dear readers, that they are "switched," but we think that having lost the former we have lost our *major domo*; however, we have the assurance that if we ever need either of their assistance on any future occasions we have only to "Bollo."

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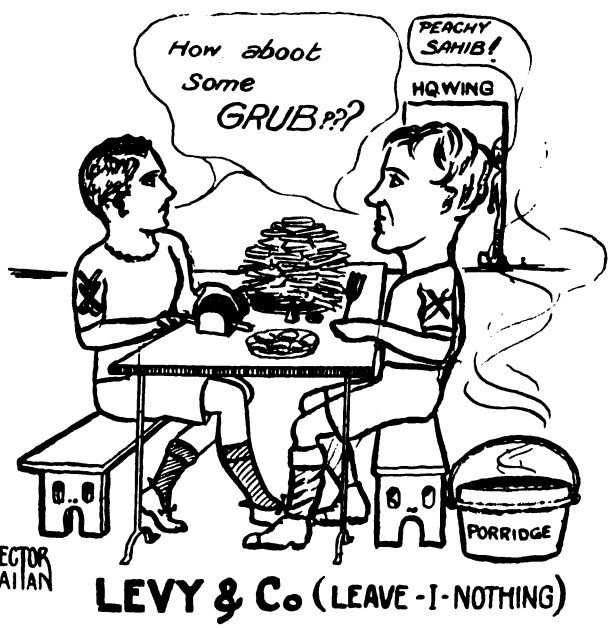
Cpl. Moran has also left us to attend a course of Signalling, after his appointment to Lance-Sergeant. We tender to him



our best wishes and trust that his head is not too full of dots and dashes.

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Our Entertainment Committee really did intend giving us a good time on the day appointed for our St. George's Dance, but owing to the outbreak of infectious disease, our visions of a good time—after all, this is all we look forward to—went west.

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To return to the present tense, we regret to announce the departure to the United Kingdom of our Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O., who tended with special care the welfare of his junior N.C.O.'s.

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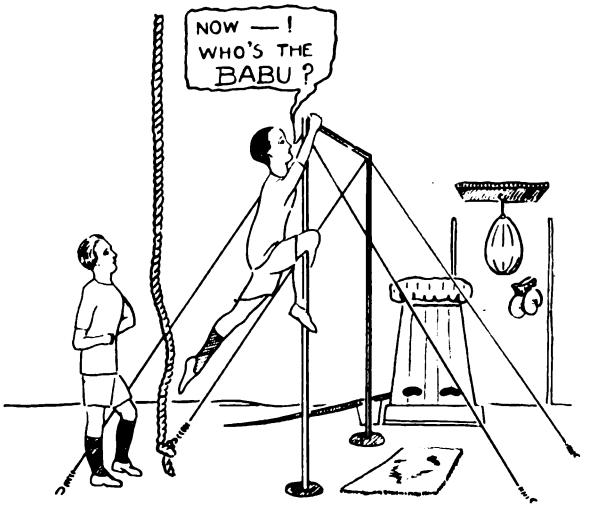
Now our Club has lost a few more of its members who have departed homewards to try their luck in Civil life. We gave them a send-off in the shape of a smoker—attended also by the Commanding Officer, Adjutant, and one or two more Officers—which, thanks to the President, "Dodger," and his able Committee, was a huge success.

Our smoker started up with a musical item from the Band,



capably rendered under the directorship of "Dick."

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The next spasm was given full swing by Bdmn. Winn, who is a man with a wonderful voice, dear Readers, but large plates of meat.

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"Cheerup" performed next by cleverly rendering "Pullman Porters."

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What did you say? You don't know "Cheerup"? Why it is our old friend Birnie.

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The fourth contraction of agony was a duet—at least, that is what someone called it—by Lce.-Cpl. Birnie and Bdmn. Winn; but the Staff said it sounded like a fish market on a Monday morning. Nuff said. But nevertheless they did their duty nobly.

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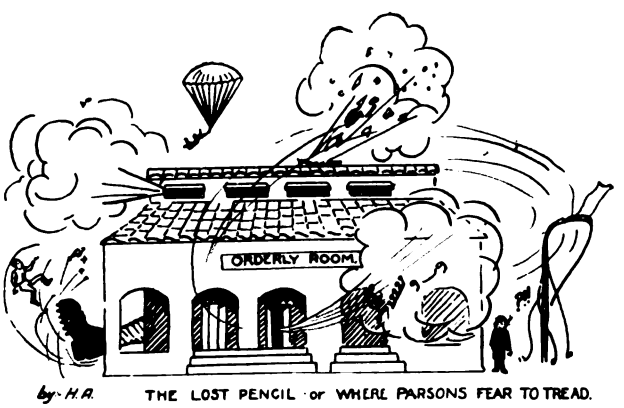
Lce.-Cpl. Churchill then played his part with a clarionet solo,



which received tremendous applause, and of which more was

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required, but his trainer, "Dick," said he'd had enough. We cannot understand why he said this, owing to the fact that it

Juniors' Left Winger

was early in the evening. Whether he referred to the strain of playing, or to . . .well that's enough of that.

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On the whole, the evening was very well spent, and we were all sorry when the strains of "The King" drew the smoker to a close. We tender our heartiest thanks to "Dodger" and his staff, who enabled us to have such a pleasant time.

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The following members have left us for the U.K. on s.s. *Nevassa* :—Cpls. Dickenson and Baker and Lce.-Cpls. Churchill and Rodgers. We offer to them our best wishes for the future.

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In the way of sports. We did turn out a team, after a long, long time, to play football against "D" Coy. We got on very well, drawing with them with 1 goal each.

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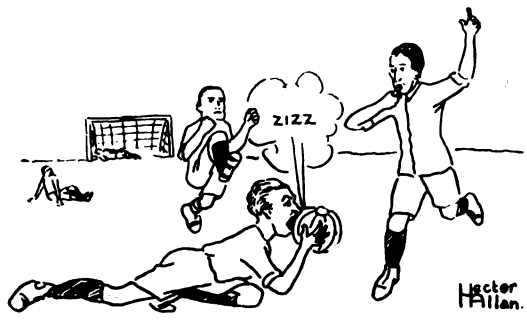
Special mention must be made of our right winger. You should have seen him, dear readers! Someone says, although



THE JUNIORS AT FOOTBALL.

we do not know who, that he must have been doing a few hand and head springs.

Before we finish this account of the match we must not forget to mention our Staff. We think he did everything but play—but we cannot say too much—although he did once try to eat the ball.

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The G.O.C.U.P. District paid a visit to say good-bye to the Battalion prior to his departure for England.

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He gave us two very interesting lectures regarding the opening of the Great War, and we are sure that there are many who came away after the concluding lecture feeling that they had learnt something worth knowing.

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He dwelt with special emphasis on the part played by the 1st Battalion at Mons.

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Sketches for our corner in the *Gazette* are being contributed by a well-known French artist, whose work has already appeared to a large extent in these pages.

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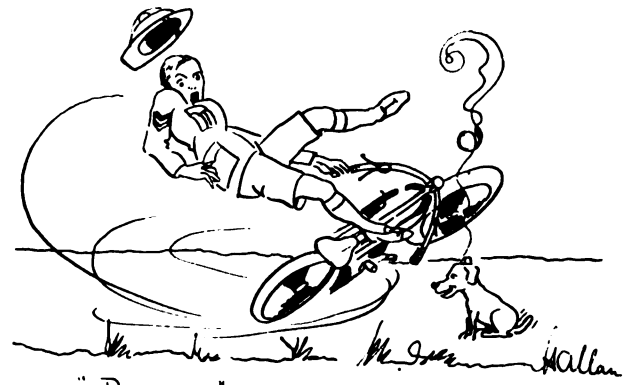

"Pleasure" — and its drawbacks

must apologise for anything that does not appear to be correct. However, we are about to take a course of instruction in this subject in accordance with Corporals' Club Orders, Part o of 9999.

Au revoir,
Yours,
"THE SWEDES."

HILL DETACHMENT NOTES.

RANIKHET,
October, 1925.

The Sports in the Area are now all over except a Boxing Tournament held by Dulikhet in the Rink.

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The cricket in Alma Barracks ended in the FIFTH being runners-up to the Worcestershire Regt.

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Boxing at Chaubattia was attended by two representatives from the Detachment, who entered in the open events—*Light-Weights*, Cpl. Hornsby, who won two fights, but was unfortunately beaten in the Semi-Final. In the *Middle-Weights*,

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Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock won comfortably; he has entered for the Open Competition in the Dulikhet Tournament, and after much anxious searching someone has been found who is reputed to be able to smash horse-shoes in his hands. Fus. Clark, "B" Coy., has also entered for the *Bantam-Weights*. The results are yet to be seen.

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On the occasion of the Governor's visit, the Detachment found the Guard under the Command of Sgt. W. Cosgrove, V.C., and were complimented on the general excellence of the turn-out.

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Major Foster introduced the Subalterns to their first Chakor shooting during the month. Bags have not been large but the experience was greatly enjoyed by the novices. Major Foster, although several times in a dangerous position, did not get shot again.

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The Detachment held a farewell dance on 12th October, preceded by a dinner to all concerned in the Sports. The Dance was very well attended, and many people were heard to say that it was one of the best held in Ranikhet for a very long time. Mr. Hobbs's speech at the dinner was an example of perfection in elocution.

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The FIFTH are also supplying most of the talent for concerts in the Area.

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We are now getting ready for the downward move to the Plains, and "Farewell Ranikhet!" for which much thanks to the Powers-that-be. A stay in the Hills is very pleasant, BUT THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME.

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THE BUS.

A'ridin' the dust ('tis strange to relate)
Came a young "Auto-pushbike" one day:
Though most of us thought that it boasted no make,
We soon did discover that we'd made a mistake.
It sure was a "Douglas" from old Bristol town,
Sent up music and dust as it dashed up and down,
A'fritnin' the chikkins, and defacin' the town,
An' scarin' the sub-cheese in gen'ral.

We'll say that it dashed, for the sake of our prose
(It couldn't do 15 at most, I suppose),
But it made such a baa', and looked so bloomin' old
(Like the old Roman chariots of Nero, we're told),
But it's rider kept goin', till to him Black became Brown,
An' 'e looked as 'e passed yet' as tho' he'd run yer down:
Sure a blokes' life to 'im wasn't worth 'arf-a-crown,
While 'e tried to kid folks: I'm a man of renown.

'E used ter go—'all out' way over the ground
(Just to prove to admirers that both wheels were round),
An' maybe 'e thought we'd ne'er tire of admirin',
Yet we did now't but cuss, through the darn thing back-firin'.
At night, when one tried ter go ter bo-peep,
The bloomin' thing used to come ploughing the deep,
An' the nerve 'e could swaller—without e'er a grin—
'Is vice o'er the roarin' would shout, "Are yer in?"
We often did wish 'im away down in —— (zinc) ? ? ?
"Oh! Luvvus, do stoppit! Oh! do, there's a dear."
We tried ter entice 'im, as 'e swung inter gear,
An' the row that went up ('ear now't else fer a year);
But we 'ad ter give up (as the Jerries once done),
An admit to ourselves, with a tear, that he'd won.

But, still, we won't cry when 'e passes by;
We wish 'im long life (but I'm tellin' a lie),
We're 'opin' like blazes, ter soon see a smash,
When 'im an' the BUS 'll get mixed in a crash,
'E 'oo be quite confident, when 'e thinks 'e 's seein'
All things that are golden (an' some of 'em GREE'in).

Sure that day will come (as others have done),
An' meantime, we'll simply sit list'nin' and hum,
So 'e still rides a motor-bus, which to us is a chota-cuss,
An' 'e puts all our tempers ter test,
'E 'll remember that day (as 'e's bein' wheeled away),
When we're grinnin' like blazes, we'll gleefully say,
In the words o' the poeit, in case 'e don't know it,
That 'e 'oo laughs last, laughs best.

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(N.B.—Lamentations of a 2nd Bn. correspondent on the appearance of the Officers' Mess Sergeant with a motor cycle.)

DEPÔT NOTES.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

We are pleased to see Sergts. Speed and Donovan again, after a fortnight's respite in Hospital.

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One would like to know what menu was in vogue at the Hospital during their sojourn, as "Our Steve" was always small, but now one is afraid of tripping over him; we wonder if it is best to advise him to bath in "Lux," as it does not shrink woollens.

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It is important to know that the "debates" by W. P. Carlin still attract enormous crowds in the Mess, especially those members who have not entered into matrimony.

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The Tray-ning Kay-dah are busy reviving W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s of the T.A. Permanent Staff, and teaching Territorials undergoing courses.

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The Recruits here wonder why "old soldiers never die," and to appease their wonderment the accompanying photograph may work wonders.

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The weather here is extremely cold, but when on parade with the "P.S. Wallahs" one feels much warmer, always having a little "Cole," "Timber" and "Wood" around them; we wonder what will happen when they go "West" on to "Bradford."

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Owing to "high pressure," the omission of notes for last month is greatly regretted.

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We had the usual monthly Whist Drive and Social, also the monthly Dance, and the Committee in each case are to be congratulated for their great successes.

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The prizes for last month's Whist Drive were won by :—

Ladies—1st, Mrs. Letchfield ; 2nd, Mrs. Badger ; 3rd, Mrs. Irwin.

Gents.—1st, Mr. Houston ; 2nd, Mr. Beston ; 3rd, S.M. Irwin, R.A.

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The Tray-ning Kay-dah proceeded to Strensall for the annual Maxse Cup competition, but owing to lack of experience of the competition we were not so fortunate as was expected ; our neighbours the D.L.I. must be congratulated in tying for 3rd place.

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It must be mentioned that to see the N.C.O.'s endeavouring to obtain knowledge of the questions being asked at the competition made an admirable demonstration on the work of "Ground Scouts."

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We are glad to have Sergt. Fitzgerald with us again, after three weeks' absence in Hospital.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE,
23rd November, 1925.

All ranks of the 4th Battalion wish all past and present Fusiliers a very happy Christmas.

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The month has passed by with very little of interest to record.

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The Church Parade at Newburn on Sunday, 8th November, was very poorly attended. This may have been partly due to the weather, but in any case it was very disappointing.

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Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O., was present at Scotswood Church for the Service, and other Officers who attended the Parade were Captains Bradley and Wood and Mr. Gibson.

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We have heard from Capt. B. Peacock, M.C., who is now settled in Surrey. At present his future military career is in the hands of the gods, but he still hopes to accompany the Battalion to Catterick for Annual Training next year.

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All officers and other ranks who have known Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., the Adjutant of the 7th Bn. during the last three years, will join with the 7th Bn. in wishing him the best of good luck when he vacates his appointment and returns to one of the Regular Battalions in December.

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All the P.S. Instructors, with the exception of a R.S.M. Clarke, have spent the month at the Regimental Depôt refreshing their memories and brushing themselves up generally for the forthcoming Training Season.

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We have just heard that a/C.S.M. West has been obliged to return to Prudhoe owing to the illness of his wife. We sincerely hope that by the time these notes appear in print Mrs. West will have quite recovered.

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The Battalion Football Team has been drawn against 72nd Field Brigade, R.A., in the T.A. Football Championship, and will play off this round before 5th December.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

In beginning these notes the writer feels that something more than the ordinary is expected in this issue. Considering that this number will be the last published in 1925, and therefore the only one before Christmas, and that the end of another year is at hand, it is indicated that a special flow of rhetoric be forthcoming. Furthermore, there is the cruel reproach of "Prudhoe" last month, complaining of the gradually lowering standard of our notes, to be contended with.

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Before the next issue, however, New Year resolutions will have been made, from which it may be hoped a better, higher and more intellectual plane will be duly reached.

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Before proceeding further we wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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In these hard times, it is an encouraging fact that trade conditions in this vicinity are brighter than at Christmas, 1924, although it will be necessary for much more commercial activity for anything like local prosperity to be reached.

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This has a direct bearing on recruiting and training in the Detachment, although it is difficult to decide whether or not unemployment swells the territorial ranks beneficially.

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Since the war, Newburn Detachment has always fluctuated round about full strength, but since the recent closing of local works there has been a greater influx and efflux of men, which is not conducive to stable organisation or progressive training. This is due to unemployed Fusiliers obtaining work out of the Battalion district, and the consequent refilling with recruits. These continual changes are not confined to Fusiliers. Many changes take place amongst the Officers, W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s.

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All ranks of the Detachment, therefore, are at widely varying stages of training, so that to maintain any appreciable standard of efficiency, every available opportunity must be taken for Officers and N.C.O.'s to visit the Depôt, and to hold classes for junior ranks at the Drill Hall. We are lucky, however, in having some really enthusiastic workers who are making earnest endeavours to introduce practical solutions to the many training problems.

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Throughout this year there have been many changes at Newburn ; old friends have gone and new ones arrived, mainly owing to business and domestic reasons. Capt. G. E. Charlewood was the first to leave us, his Company ("W") being taken over by Capt. B. Peacock, M.C., from "X" Coy. Mr. A. S. Todd and Mr. O. A. Peters then joined, but unfortunately Mr. Todd has had to leave us for twelve months, and he is now training temporarily with another Regiment.

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Recently the Command of "W" Company has undergone another change, Capt. Peacock having left us and been succeeded by Mr. W. M. Gibson, M.C. Although this change has not yet taken place officially, we presume to congratulate Mr. Gibson.

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Drum-Major Webster has handed over to Drum-Major Orange from the 6th Battalion, and we have lost an old stager in the person of Sergt. Turner.

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The usual St. George's Day and Armistice Day Church Parades have taken place, yet this year for some unaccountable reason the numbers on parade were disappointing.

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Our Annual Camp was held at Pwllheli, and voted highly successful. The journeys there and back were long and wearisome, but on the whole we had a very good time. This detachment took its fair share of winning back from the 6th Battalion the 149th Brigade Cross Country Cup, and also provided a goodly portion of the Battalion Football team, which again managed to hold on to the Brigade Football Cup.

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We had our usual teams at the Northumberland County Territorial Rifle Meeting, but they did not meet with the success of former years. Every effort will be made in the future to rectify this.

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During the year we have enjoyed the usual quota of dinners,

Sergeants' Mess Winter Activities.

dances, etc., and it is gratifying to see the Sergeants' Mess adding to Social activities by holding Whist Drives and Billiard Tournaments. If we could make good progress with our Miniature Rifle Shooting team and get somebody to start a Badminton Club, our list of energies would be complete.

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Early in last training season our new Drill Hall was opened, and the new facilities thus provided considerably helped us in wresting the Champion Company Cup from Haltwhistle, which, by the way, is one of our "Star" efforts this year.

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We have now given a brief description of our activities for the last twelve months. It is needless to say that a multitude of cares, worries and disappointments is covered therein.

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Every month we read *St. George's Gazette* from cover to cover, and note the many achievements of the Regular Battalions, ranging from the Giants of Sport on the Rhine to the wonderful Big Game hunting episodes in India, not forgetting the beautiful Soldier Factory at the Depôt.

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We are very envious, and in our own little way we strive to emulate the examples set by our Regular brothers, but it is not always easy, considering that the majority of our men are only obliged to attend twenty drills, and are given four months in which to do it. Still, all this is by the way; perhaps we are taking our spare time soldiering too seriously, but we can only hope that these notes will be read by Regular soldiers, and that they will appreciate how much we value their help, so generously given each year.

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In case any readers should be under the misapprehension that the Newburn Detachment is a small body of men, we would hasten to inform them of the true state of affairs. Although, through the medium of these notes, we are known as a detachment, and although the Haltwhistle Company has a like designation, and also the Prudhoe Guards, yet we are numerically far mightier than these two.

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The Newburn detachment, in addition to Battalion H.Q., is composed of H.Q. Wing and "W" and "X" Companies. The Officers are as follows:—

H.Q. Wing—Capt. G. L. Bradley, Lieut. A. Fleming, Lieut. J. M. Todd, D.F.C.

"W" Coy.—Lieut. W. M. Gibson, M.C., 2nd-Lieut. O. A. Peters.

"X" Coy.—Capt. R. Wood, Lieut. A. McLellan, 2nd-Lieut. A. S. Todd.

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On the 8th of the month we held an Armistice Church Parade under the Command of Captain G. L. Bradley, at St. Margaret's Church, Scotswood.

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We were very pleased to see Lieut.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O., who met us at the Church.

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After the Parade, a party marched back to Newburn, where a wreath was laid on the War Memorial by Sergeant Campbell on behalf of the Detachment.

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

On the 6th inst. we had our Annual Dance, and from all points of view (except the financial one) it was a great success.

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We regret the absence of so many of the Officers of the Battalion, but were very pleased to have with us Major Greville-Williams, our Adjutant, and Capt. Wood.

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The Sergeants' Mess was such a comparative success, that it has been suggested to have it next year in the main hall and have the Dance in the Miniature Range.

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The season of Courses is now in full swing, and at present our C.S.M. Instructor is away on a month's course.

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We have had one sergeant at the Depôt for a fortnight, and one corporal at Aldershot on a physical training course.

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Recruiting has again been commenced, but so far we have only obtained one. We are afraid that the reduced rate of pay will not help us.

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We are glad to say that so far we have heard nothing but favourable comments on the choice of Catterick for next year's camp.

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Apparently most of us prefer the comfort of a hut to the airiness of a tent, in spite of the remarkable weather experienced at Pwllheli this year.

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We have again entered for the Miniature Range Competitions to be held before Christmas, and hope to improve considerably upon our performance of last year.

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Our junior subaltern, Mr. Smith, has recently been before the examiners for the second part of his Certificate "A" Examination, and we all wish him success when the result is published.

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As these notes will be the last published before Christmas, we take the opportunity of wishing all our friends in the Regiment a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,

26th November, 1925.

Captain Jacky Frost seems to have taken control of matters very thoroughly lately, which has emphasised the urgent necessity of getting the heating in the Drill Hall put in order. Even a brass monkey would almost refuse to perform in the Miniature Range in the temperature we have experienced lately.

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The Drill Hall has been having the time of its life with exhibitions of things which are supposed to contribute to a healthy and better economical existence.

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The Sports Committee has been very busy lately and has formed itself into various sub-committees for the benefit of the sport and entertainment of the Battalion generally.

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It has now been decided to enlarge the stage in the Men's Room, and to put up proper scenery and a drop curtain; in other words, to improve the room.

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The gymnasium has also to be brought up to date with gymnastic apparatus and a boxing ring. The Boxing Committee have got to work in earnest, and were well represented at the Divisional Boxing Championship held at the Barracks on the 31st ultimo, and the Battalion were successful in winning three of the final heats. Drummer Berkeley was, unfortunately, unable to fight owing to an injured hand. We are hoping to have a contest with H.M.S. *Helicon* very shortly.

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The Officers' Golf Championship was won by Capt. T. P. Parmeter, he winning by a narrow margin from Majors Anderson and Wilkinson, who, although losing after a gallant struggle, succeeded in reducing our worthy P.M.C. to a state of financial flatulence.

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It is proposed to hold a Christmas Tree and Treat for the men, their wives and children, on Saturday, the 9th January, 1926, when it is hoped that all Officers and their wives will turn up in force to make the show a success.

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Congratulations to Major W. J. Harrison on the receipt of the Territorial decoration. We have not yet received invitations to the dinner he will, no doubt, give in celebration of his honour, but we live in hopes.

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The Miniature Range has been going strong lately, thanks to the efforts of Messrs. Challoner and Wilson, and rumour has it that Company Commanders have lately been seen on the Range —which is a good omen for the shooting of the Battalion next year at Ponteland.

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The Officers are having a staff ride at Alnmouth on the 6th December, when, no doubt, the local golf course will evolve itself into a temporary battlefield. Wherever the scene of battle takes place, we have little doubt that Headquarters will still remain stationary at the Schooner Hotel.

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We are glad to see that the N.C.O.'s are still active in the entertainment world, and we have received notices of Sergeants' Dances, a Band Dinner, a Corporals' Dance and other festivities. These are all to the good.

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We were glad to see so many of the 6th Officers at the 149th Brigade Dinner, at which our Colonel-in-Chief, Sir Percy Wilkinson, again made one of his delightful speeches. We cannot understand the attitude of an Officer of the 149th Brigade who is able to, but does not, attend these dinners.

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The boy Cupid has been playing havoc in the ranks of the officers of late, and we have to congratulate Messrs. Challoner and Criddle on their engagements.

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Capt. Clayton was married in London on the 10th ultimo, and there was a very representative beat-up of officers, and the subalterns at last got their own back on our weather beaten P.R.I., who was endeavouring to camouflage his senility under the roll of Best Man. The camouflage, however, was easily seen through by the bride-maids, and at the dance at the Savoy in the evening the P.R.I. had to take a back seat with the "also rans."

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Last, but not least, we have to record the retirement of our very able Q.M. Capt. J. R. Johnson, whose time limit is now up. We are very sorry to lose him, and his genial personality, but are glad to think that he is not leaving the district and that he will still remain a member of our Mess.

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We welcome Lieut. and Q.M. Ousman, who comes to us from the 1st Battalion. We ask nothing more than that he may serve us as well as Capt. Johnson has done.

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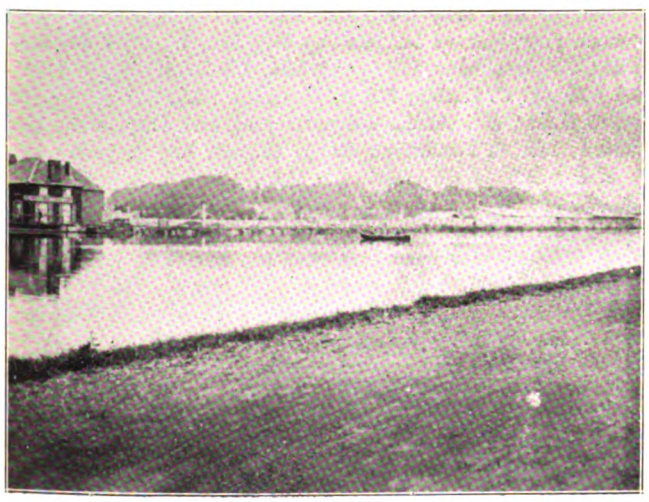

No. 1 is a photograph taken this summer, of the Mons Canal at Jemappes. It is taken from near the spot where the 1st Battalion held the bridge head at Jemappes. Nos. 2 and 3 were taken at the same time, and show the position taken up by "X" Coy. They are taken from the "German" side of the canal, and show Jemappes railway station in No. 3.

"X" Coy. held the bridge head with a barricade across the street some 50 yards away from the bridge. Another platoon were entrenched along the line of trees which mark the railway line in No. 2 photograph.

The Germans advanced down the road to the bridge in close order and were met by a rousing fire which did a lot of useful damage.

It was at this bridge that the first V.C. of the war was won by Lieut. Wright, of the Royal Engineers, who when the moment came to blow up the bridge found the leads were cut and climbed out under the bridge to repair them under a heavy fire. He completed his task, but the enemy fire must have cut the leads again before he could fire his charge, as no explosion took place when he connected up the battery again on his return. This officer was afterwards killed on the Aisne.

No. 4 is a photograph of one of the Cemeteries at Vailly. It contains the graves of many 5th Fusiliers, some of whom, alas ! lie under a cross bearing the inscription, "To an unknown soldier."

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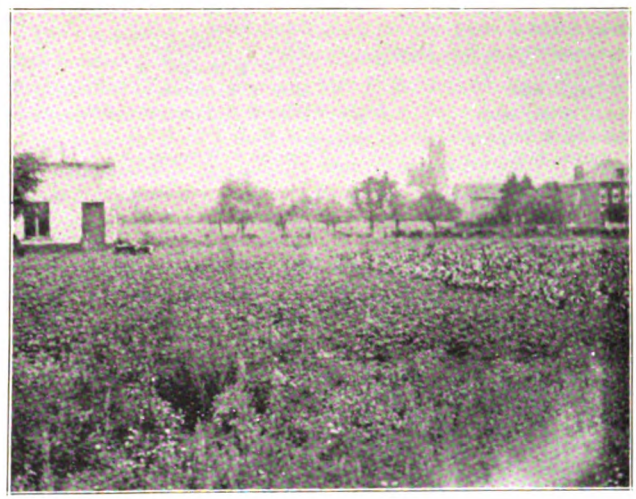

All these photographs were taken by Mr. J. Pearce, late Sergeant, 1/5th Fusiliers, during a short trip round the battle-fields this summer. They are of particular interest, especially Nos. 1, 2, 3, as showing how much destruction is still apparent, seven years after the Armistice.

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Among the 154 members and guests who sat down were the following :—Major-General Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., and Lady Wilkinson ; Major-General T. D. Pilcher, C.B., and Mrs. Pilcher ; Brig.-General The Hon. C. Lambton, D.S.O., and Mrs. Lambton ; Brig.-General G. H. L. Armstrong, C.B.E., and Mrs. Armstrong ; Brig.-General B. T. Buckley, C.B., C.M.G., and Mrs. Buckley ; Brig.-General C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Mrs. Yatman ; Brig.-General E. Morton, C.B.E. ; Air Commodore I. M. Bonham Carter, C.B., O.B.E., and Mrs. Bonham Carter ; Col. J. C. Somerville, C.M.G., C.B.E., and Mrs. Somerville ; Col. E. S. Heard ; Col. D. Sapte ; Lieut.-Col. F. C. Turner, C.M.G. ; Lieut.-Col. C. P. Hawkes and Mrs. Hawkes ; Lieut.-Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O. ; Lieut.-Col. H. W. Herbert ; Major S. S. Flower, O.B.E. ; Major H. C. Stephen and Mrs. H. C. Stephen ; Major R. M. Lamb ; Major G. L. F. Leverson, D.S.O. ; Major W. M. Allen and Mrs. Allen, Miss M. M. Allen, Miss J. M. Allen ; Major H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C. ; Major A. C. Garnier, M.C. ; Capt. J. T. Rowland, Mrs. Rowland, Miss Rowland ; Capt. T. Treavor and Mrs. Treavor ; Capt. A. Wood and Mrs. Wood ; Lieut. E. G. Halliday and Mrs. Halliday ; Capt. J. Laing and Mrs. Laing ; Lieut. T. H. Joyce ; Lieut. H. A. Wilkinson ; Lady Bertha Dawkins ; Mrs. Friend ; Mrs. Kilgour ; Mrs. F. Oldfield ; Mr. J. Aldridge ; Mr. C. Annetts ; Mr. J. A. Arnold and Mrs. Arnold ; Mrs. E. S. Ball and Miss Ball ; Mr. H. W. Bates and Mrs. Bates ; Mrs. M. Broad (daughter of the late Col.-Sergt. Monteith, born in the Regiment) ; Mr. C. Bush ; Mr. C. Burdett ; Mr. Burdett ; Mr. G. Bristow ; Mrs. I. Burr (daughter of Mr. McClements, born in the Regiment) ; Mr. J. J. Challons and Mrs. Challons ; Mr. J. Catchpole and Mrs. Laycock (daughter of Mr. Catchpole) ; Mr. W. G. Comerford (joined the Regiment 1859) and Mrs. Comerford ; Mr. J. W. Cook ; Mr. A. G. Crabb ; Mr. S. H. Carter ; Mr. J. Chilton and Mrs. Chilton ; Mr. A. E. Edwards and Mrs. Edwards ; Mr. Dawson ; Mr. A. Faulkner ; Mr. J. Fraser ; Mr. J. Ford ; Mr. W. Hale ; Mr. J. G. Harrison ; Mr. J. F. Hackett ; Mr. J. Hannehan ; Mr. H. Harvey (Veteran, Royal Hospital) ; Mr. W. Hicks ; Mr. E. Hetherington ; Mr. J. Hurst ; Mr. A. Henry ; Mr. J. H. Jeffs and Friend ; Mrs. Jenkins (widow of the late Pioneer-Sgt. Jenkins) ; Mr. H. Kemp ; Mr. E. Keeble ; Mr. N. H. Leonard and Mrs. Leonard ; Mr. J. Large ; Mr. F. Lane ; Mr. W. H. Matthews and Mrs. Matthews ; Mr. E. Masters, Mrs. Masters, Miss Masters and Friend ; Mr. H. I. Morgan and Mrs. Morgan ; Mr. J. Monteith and Mrs. Monteith ; Mr. B. McClements (who joined the Regiment in 1867) ; Mr. P. A. Morton ; Mr. W. G. Mustell ; Mr. W. Middleton and Mrs. Middleton ; Mr. J. H. Morris ; Mr. C. McKim ; Mr. P. Maydon ; Mr. R. Mayle ; Mr. H. Newton ; Mrs. Osborne (widow of Schoolmaster Osborne) ; Mr. J. Orton, Mrs. Orton and son ; Mr. J. R. O'Donoghue ; Mr. W. Peatling ; Mr. P. J. J. Pearce ; Mr. J. Purvis and Mrs. Purvis ; Mr. T. H. Poynter ; Mr. R. J. Pleydell ; Mr. H. Pitchforth ; Mr. G. Redhead and Mrs. Redhead ; 1st Class W.O. A. J. Redhead (Army Educational Dept.) and Mrs. Redhead ; Mr. G. Rayment ; Mr. A. W. Robinson ; Mr. J. Saunders and Mrs. Saunders ; Mr. E. S. Sands ; Mr. W. Speight ; Mr. J. Tilling ; Mr. J. W. R. Willson and Mrs. Willson ; Mr. J. Western and Mrs. Western and Miss Western ; Mr. W. Wellings ; Mr. W. Warnes and Mrs. Warnes ; Mr. W. Willmot and Mrs. Willmot.

At the conclusion of the *menu* a silent tribute was paid to the memory of all Fusiliers who had fallen in the Great War and in all previous wars in which the Regiment had been engaged—the diners standing in silence for a minute.

After the usual loyal toasts, Brig.-General the Hon. C. Lambton, D.S.O., proposed the toast of "The Regiment," in a neat and happily-worded speech, to which the chairman responded. In the course of his remarks, Sir Percival Wilkinson observed that he had heard in high quarters that during the past six difficult years of Army reconstruction the 1st Battalion had set the standard in discipline and efficiency to all other units of the Rhine garrison, and that under Colonel H. R.

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Sandilands in India the 2nd Battalion had maintained the best traditions of the Regiment. Lieut.-Col. Sandilands (who has recently been appointed Commandant of the Senior Officers' School) also replied and emphasised the fact that, as the Association was now showing in London, all 5th Fusiliers constituted a "happy family."

Lieut.-Col. Hawkes, the President, then proposed the toast of "The Association," whose rapid success and present membership roll of over 300 names, he pointed out, was due entirely to the disinterested and indefatigable efforts of such original members as Capt. Rowland and Messrs. Lees, Arnold, Redhead, Chilton, Halliday, Edwards, Maydon, Wright and Morgan. He mentioned the regret which they all felt that illness prevented the attendance that night of Mr. W. Lees, the Vice-President of the Association, who had worked so zealously for its benefit since the start; and he laid stress on the debt owed by the Association to the late Major A. C. Milne-Home, M.C., and to the unceasing and unobtrusive work of the Hon. Treasurer, Col. D. Sapte.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. I. Morgan, replied in a modest but much-applauded little speech; after which Capt. J. T. Rowland proposed "The Ladies," and Mrs. M. Broad—a veritable "daughter of the Regiment"—responded. The Chairman having proposed the toast of "The Visitors," 1st Class W.O. A. J. Redhead, of the Army Educational Staff (son of R.S.M. G. Redhead), replied in a capital speech, in which he remarked that in Heaven 5th Fusiliers were said to be allowed to take their stand behind pillars, as they were "the only people who could be trusted out of sight."

In the intervals between the toasts and speeches a capital musical programme was rendered by the Belgravia Orchestra, together with the following artistes:—Mr. William Crawley, Miss Winifred Thomas, Mr. John Thorne and Mr. Jack Charman.

The proceedings terminated at a late hour, after what was acclaimed on all hands to have been one of the most delightful functions, and certainly the most successful annual dinner, organised by the Association since its foundations in 1923.

The organising and arrangements for the Dinner were admirably carried out by the Dinner Committee, under the very able directorship of the Chairman, Mr. J. A. Arnold, and our hard-working Secretary, Mr. H. I. Morgan.

We hope to have a record muster on St. George's Day, 1926, and arrangements are already being pushed forward; it is also hoped to obtain a rendezvous with more accommodation.

The Association is looking for members from the 1st and 2nd Battalions amongst those who are becoming time-expired, etc., and who will be resident in the South.

Annual General Meeting to be held at the Veterans' Club, Hand Court, Holborn, W.C. 2, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, 6th January, 1926.

Important business.

A cordial welcome to all those who ever served in the Regiment is extended.

H. I. MORGAN, *Hon. Sec.*,
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OLD COMRADES' DINNER.

A.B.A. AND SERVICE BOXERS.

The Amateur Boxing Association has agreed to the request of the I.S.B.A. to re-instate as amateurs members of the Services, but their approval must be obtained before such men can compete in amateur events outside the Services.

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SERVICE SPORT NOTES.

BOXING.

MATCHES AND FIXTURES.

The following Army matches and fixtures have been arranged for the coming season :—

Nov. 13th.—Aldershot—Army champions to meet.

Nov. 26th.—Cambridge—*v.* Cambridge.

March 18th and 19th.—Aldershot—Semi-finals and finals, Army Inter-Unit Team Championship.

April (during the first days, actual date not yet fixed).—Woolwich—Army Amateur Championships.

April 15th and 16th.—Aldershot—I.S.B.A. Championships.

Metropolitan Police and Oxford University matches to be fixed.

NOTE.—The Amateur Championships of Great Britain take place at the Albert Hall on 28th April, and the Services will be represented by a complete team.

GOLF.

SERVICES CHALLENGE CUP.

The second annual competition for the Services Challenge Cup took place at Camberley Heath, when Squadron-Leader C. Hayward, who won the R.A.F. Championship at Camberley on the previous day, secured the trophy. Capt. G. Martin (Army) was the runner-up.

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AIR FORCE CHAMPIONSHIP.

This is the fourth year in succession in which Squadron-Leader C. Hayward has won the Air Force Championship. He contested a very close game in the finals against Flight-Lieut. E. Faweus.

RACKETS.

ANNUAL COMPETITION.

The Annual Army Rackets Championships (doubles and singles) will be held at Princes Club during the fortnight beginning Monday, 22nd February, 1926. The Doubles Challenge Competition, which was won this year by the Coldstream Guards, will open the tournament ; and the Competition for the Singles Challenge Cup, the holder of which is Colonel W. Wilson-Johnston, will follow the conclusion of the doubles. The holders will be required to play through in both events. The tournament is not open to the reserve of officers.

Entries to : The Secretary, Princes Club, 197, Knightsbridge, S.W. 7 ; closing date 1st February, 1926.

"TREBLIG."

Q.M.S. PRINCE ON THE RHINE.

This famous Army and English Amateur International player of the R.A.M.C. is the Asst. Hon. Secretary of the British Army of the Rhine F.A. The knee injury Prince received some three years ago ended his playing days. The Hon. Sec. is the Rev. C. J. Curtis-Reilly, who is an old Dublin University player ; whilst the President, Colonel Young, R.A.S.C., was a popular centre-half for Cheltenham in his day.

The Rhine Army prides itself on having as fine a football organisation as can be found in any Command of the British Army, and the three named have played a big part in bringing this about.

RUGBY—NEW LAWS.

Many doubts that existed with regard to the exact meaning of some of the alterations recently made in the laws of the game have been dispelled by the Rugby Union Committee. The words "remain passive" in Law 10, are meant to imply that when a kick is being taken opponents may not interfere in any way with the kicker by distracting his attention by unusual movements.

It is decreed, moreover, that players are "not allowed to extend their arms above their heads in the case of a penalty kick, as it is not a natural position for a player to take up when standing about the field."

The making of a broken line ten yards from the touchline should be discontinued, and a broken line five yards from the touchline substituted.

THE HIGHER UNEMPLOYED.

In the latest developments of medical psychology we are told that one of the tests adopted is to put to the patient a single word and ask him to suggest, without taking time for reflection, any other word that it calls to his mind.

If one were to test any given number of people with the word "emigration," the probable reactions would be : "unemployed," "agriculture," and "surplus population." And if, in turn, one proceeded to ask for the reactions to these three it is probable that the one word "depression" would figure largely in the replies.

Change the word to "migrant," and one's thoughts would take a rosier flight. The swallow, the sunshine of Southern lands, charm and prosperity.

That is why this latter word so well suits the plan put forward by the Empire Community Settlement Committee. It is not intended for agricultural labourers or agricultural capitalists ; and while it certainly is not intended for the very wealthy, neither is it designed to appeal to the very poor. "The higher unemployed" covers very adequately the scope of its appeal.

By the invaluable aid of the principal Government Departments and the Service Banks, the Committee's Report has been distributed throughout the Empire to officers and officials of His Majesty's Services ; many readers of this article are therefore probably already familiar with the main outline of the scheme.

In brief, the proposals of the Committee may be summarised as follows :—

There are thousands of British families resident in this country and abroad, composed mainly of retired officers of the fighting services, officials of the civil services, and members of the professions, who are possessed of fixed incomes or pensions, but little or no capital. In very many cases they are faced with a constant and difficult struggle to make ends meet. The pinch is intensified by the fact that a certain social status must be maintained, and that it is an unwritten law that their children should have a Public School education. Such children are, through their birth and breeding, a priceless national asset. But, bearing in mind the conditions ruling in this country—the congestion, taxation, economic stringency and unemployment—their outlook towards the future is sombre. Without substantial backing, many must content themselves with the circumscribed life of a Bank or commercial office. It may be asked : "Why shouldn't they go to other parts of the Commonwealth, where there is no congestion and where a fellow can take off his coat and work his way to prosperity ?" It is true we owe the British Empire itself to their forbears

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and they are of the type that the Dominions most need. But educated in this country, without capital, ignorant of conditions overseas, it is small wonder that on growing up they hesitate to set out upon an adventure which may or may not lead to success, but which will certainly separate them—perhaps finally—from their families.

Migration on the lines suggested by the Empire Community Settlement Committee would permit such families to travel in their entirety to sunnier lands, where taxation is low, education good and cheap, the cost of living moderate, and climatic conditions ideal.

A Community Settlement would consist of, say, fifty families, grouped around a central Club house. This Club house would be the social heart of the Community, and would be designed to provide all meals and indoor recreations, reading and writing rooms, etc. Around it would be gardens and grounds, in which would be situated the separate housing accommodation of the residents. There would be tennis courts and provision for other games, including, if possible, a golf course and swimming pool. Each resident would have a two-acre holding on which to practice small husbandry of some kind under expert superintendence, by which he or she could add to income. Residence within the Community Settlement would be on a rental basis, and would be for a period not exceeding five years. During this period a member would not be responsible financially for anything other than the rent of his two-acre lot, his apartments, and his games and club subscriptions (the latter to include food). All these would be fixed at as low a figure as would be compatible with ordinary comfort—luxury would not be aimed at. This temporary, or rental, period is one of the most original and valuable features of the project, since it enables a family to " try out " a country without any permanent financial commitment, and without inroads upon capital where capital is possessed.

In the vicinity of the Settlement the E.C.S. Committee intend that there shall be good land available in lots of, say, from one to five acres, buyable on a time payment system. So that if, after testing thoroughly the local conditions, a family wishes to settle permanently, it will be possible to purchase land and build a house out of income.

The Community Settlement itself might be viewed as a link connecting a Dominion with the Mother Country, or a stepping stone to a new environment. Here one would pause, taking bearings, " sensing " the country, with the comfortable assurance that in the event of the prospect not pleasing retreat without loss is open. But it is not expected that many would wish to draw back. Rather is it anticipated that from the Community Settlement would flow a steady stream of those desiring to settle permanently in the vicinity. So, an established township or suburb would gradually emerge. This, in its turn, would be the source of a vitalising stream of that youthful and vigorous blood of which the Dominions are in such need.

The E.C.S. Community is now vigourously prosecuting an enquiry as to the extent of the demand for the facilities offered by their plan. They do not intend themselves to have any financial interest whatever in the proposed Community Settlements. They look to those in the Dominions, alert to the desirability of attracting families of the best type and independent means, for the provision of the land, buildings, etc., needed. It is but logical that the more widespread, insistent and definite the demand, the better the supply that may be commanded. The Committee's sole concrete evidence of this demand lies in the number of completed Forms of Enquiry received. This form does not commit the signatory in any way, but each one received by the Committee " adds more power to its elbow." The Committee's headquarters are at 89, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2, and full information may be obtained therefrom by those attracted to the scheme.

BRIGHTER ORDERS.

During the past year or so there has been an increasing demand for things to be brighter. Not merely the Big Things of life, such as boots, buttons and brasses, but also the less noticeable: London, Wembley, Jazz music, Seaside Posters, the Theatre, and so on. London, for instance, has become so bright as to be spoken of in the American papers, and no one, whether he travel by tram, tube, or De Haviland moth, can have the slightest excuse for not noticing the place in passing.

We, too, have felt the urge, and at certain seasons of the year a flood of red ochre, oil and whitewash bears witness to our response. These things, however, gratify the eye alone. It is our present purpose to show how eye, ear and intellect can all be stimulated at once. You shall be told without further delay. By issuing Brighter Battalion Orders.

Nobody will deny that Orders as formulated at present lack individuality. The style is terse, the form stereotyped, and the matter prosaic to a degree. As literature " Bradshaw " is far more entertaining. This can all be altered.

The lives of those whose duty it is to write drafts of Orders will be brightened at once. A course of six months' duration might be initiated at—say, Mussoorie. The only materials that would need to be taken would be plenty of cash, a copy of King's Rules and Regulations, and a Rhyming Dictionary. The last two not really essential, but they would look better.

Very soon the benefits of such a course would be felt by others. Writing and reading Orders would become a delight, and the nightly call would be as eagerly anticipated as is the weekly one that heralds the advent of *Punch* and the *News of the World*.

From time to time notices appear in Orders bidding certain unhappy persons to fare forth in the early morning for the purpose of " appreciating " schemes of various kinds. These announcements are viewed with apprehension, not to say alarm, by those concerned. Compare the style of the present bald summons with the following :—

" On Friday (10th), at 6.15,
All subalterns will please be seen,
Attired in Field Service dress,
Outside the main gate of the Mess.
Maps should be carried, also glasses—
(They're thirsty work, these Tactic classes)."

All the necessary information is there—date, time, dress, rendezvous, and so forth. The object of the expedition is plainly indicated in the fifth line. But see how the last line tempers the wind to the shorn lamb! There is a promise of reward for work well performed, as well as an incentive to superlative effort. So much kinder, so much pleasanter, than the method obtaining at present.

Take, again, those demands which periodically infuriate our C.Q.M.Sgts.

" The following shall be paid, I say,
At 10 o'clock on Settling Day :—
' K ' Coy., 1 lakh for barrack damages—
('Twere cheaper far to deal with Gamage's)."

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Stern to begin with, yes, for there can be no compromise. But a whisper of sympathy at the end takes away half the bittern and makes the writing of the cheque a less painful business.

Even the assembling of a Board may be advertised in an engaging manner:—

"The Board as ordered (B.O. Nought)
Will now assemble at the Fort
At 9, and not as therein stated.
This Board will find who's implicated.
Proceedings will be triplicated."

Could anything be brighter?

This frank, free style need not necessarily be confined to Part I., however. In the following, for instance:—

"We very much regret to state
That Number 000 A. Tayte,
For sins too numerous to mention
Must undergo 10 days' detention."

We feel confident that the omission of such details as dates, and other specifications, would readily be forgiven and forgotten, both by records and the individuals concerned, in their pleasure at the ingenuity of the compiler of Orders.

As in all literary composition, however, there are pitfalls. Some statements would prove very difficult to brighten. Still, the wit of man never yet devised an obstacle that the wit of man could not overcome.

"To avoid all future quarrelsome discussion
The thing called 'rooE D.A. Faze Percussion,' etc."

This might take some sorting out at the other end, but that would be all part of the Brightening game.

No doubt the idea would spread to Companies, and Daily Detail be polished up. Who could take exception to this:—

"The O.C. "J" is pained to note
That buttons on the overcoat
Do not emit that brilliant sheen
Which alone qualifies for 'clean.'
For this, then, shall the Company
Do extra drill at half-past three"?

The scheme is capable of infinite expansion. With regard to the "Notices" which occupy so large a space in our Orders at present, there is not much to be said. American films are as bright as bright can be. One or two suggestions for our own use, however, may be offered. As thus:—

NOTICE.

"All those who have spare cash to burn,
Please get your Income Tax return,
And fill, without dissimulation,
All details of your rank and station.
Then post it, as is thereon stated—
(With luck, you may get some rebated!)."

Here, again, the writer of Orders has an opportunity of showing his sympathetic attitude. Probably he is one of those to be "bitten" himself.

The weekly notice about the English mail stands in some need of Brightening, too. At present it reflects nothing of the restless anticipation; of the possible reward of letters laboriously written; of the chances of stoppages on the railway; or of the transitory nature of this life. Something of all those, we submit, is embodied in this:—

"A notice has just been received
Announcing that it is believed
(Provided that the train arrives,
And that our postman still survives)
The English Mail will come on Sunday—
(A far more cheerful day than Monday)."

Let us not forget the last line of all in Orders. It is sacred to the Printer, it is true, but why shouldn't his life be brightened as well?

"You've liked these Orders? Order more—
They're printed at the Brij-Kishore."

Why not? And what about illustrations?

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TALES THAT ARE TOLD.

There are many stories of the celebrated Dr. Tanner, whose appearances in the House of Commons were generally provocative of mirth. The good Doctor spent most of his time in the smoking-room, and by eleven o'clock was, as a rule, "slightly elevated." One night, in the Lobby, he collided with a prim, starchy English Member for whom he had an intense dislike. "I say, A— — B —," he shouted, "you're a fool." A—— B—— looked at him a moment, then, turning away in disgust, he said, "Go away, Tanner, you're drunk." "True," says Tanner, "I may be drunk to-night, but I'll be sober to-morrow, and you'll always be a fool."

Among other amiable traits, Tanner invariably arrived late for any appointment, and this gave rise to a good deal of twitting from his cronies. On one occasion the worthy Doctor had dined far too well, and was pursuing a somewhat unsteady course homewards when an irresistible desire for sleep overcame him. By some accident a shop door had been left ajar, and staggering inside, Tanner lay down on the floor and went fast asleep. When he awoke in the chill dawn, he was astounded to see rows upon rows of coffins all around him. "Ah! well," said he to himself philosophically, "they have the laugh of me this time: late for the Resurrection."

Years ago one of the "sights" pointed out to the traveller in Dublin was the gigantic policeman stationed at the gate of Trinity College. This pillar of the Law stood some six feet seven inches, and was acutely sensible of the dignity of his position. An Englishman was staying with some relations in Dublin, and one day this policeman was pointed out to him. Like many of his countrymen, the Englishman fancied his mastery of the "brogue," and in an unguarded moment offered to bet that he would go across and talk to the policeman without the latter's recognising him for anything but an Irishman. The bet, of course, was taken gleefully enough. Crossing over to the policeman, and looking up at the face far above him: "Shure an' can ye tell me the way to the Phaynix Par-r-k?" he asked. Robert did not move. He did not even look down. The Englishman repeated his query, if possible more outrageously than before. Quick and sharp came the reply. "Get out o' that, ye foreign divil."

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"Quo fata vocant."

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POLLARD.—At Woolwich, on the 7th December, 1925, to Annie Jessie, wife of C.Q.M.S. A. J. Pollard, 2nd Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers (on leave from India)—a daughter, Beryl Nanette.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Lieut. G. C. Humphreys to be Adjutant, *vice* Lieut. H. A. Ingledew (dated 5th September).

REGULAR ARMY—RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Major A. M. Gibbes, having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers (dated 11th December).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

The following to be 2nd-Lieutenants :—

5th Bn.—N. R. Giles (dated 9th November).

5th Bn.—2nd-Lieut. R. H. Rooksby to be Lieut. (dated 1st November).

7th Bn.—Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., Northd. Fus., vacates the appointment of Adjutant (dated 5th December).

7th Bn.—Capt. R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C., Northd. Fus., to be Adjutant (dated 5th December).

RETROSPECT, 1925.

Circumstances have ordained that this Retrospect of the year 1925 must be written at very short notice. As far as can be remembered, the last occasion on which the present writer was called on to contribute a Retrospect was at the close of the year 1915. To many of the readers of the *St. George's Gazette* the events of that year are almost as those of yesterday. But, on the other hand, how few there are of those who are now living the life of the Regiment for whom they are more than the dim recollections of childhood. It is to the doings of this present generation during the past year, and to a consideration of how the traditions of our old Regiment are faring in their hands, that we now pause to look back. But when one is attempting in this year the same task that fell to one ten years back, a comparison of the circumstances of the different periods is inevitable. Will a survey of the peaceful events of the past year prove an easier or more difficult task than that of a period marked by a succession of stirring episodes of war? It should, I believe, be easier, and that not only because it is not filled with the sadness of 1915. These retrospects are records of the life of the Regiment. In the war the life of the Regiment, in a certain sense, stood still. It was then as though we had been given an advanced trench to hold like grim death, as the future jumping off line of the Regiment when peace came. That line we can claim was well and truly held: and this service we believe has not been betrayed by those for whom it was performed.

It was on that line that the Regiment reorganised in 1919, and from that line, square and true to the front, that all its battalions, Regular and Territorial, have continued the advance since peace came to lighten the burden of our traditions.

The past year can be said to mark the passing of a generation. Lt.-Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Lt.-Col. A. C. L. Hardman Jones, whose period of command of the 2nd and 1st Battalions expired during the past few months, were the last of the Officers who were serving with the Regiment before the South African War. Joining the Regiment within a few weeks of each other, their intimate friendship of close on thirty years served well during their period of command to preserve the unity between battalions which should be the first tradition in the Regiment. If a personal reflection may be forgiven, it is sad for the writer to think that these are also the last of the great number of Harrow boys who have hitherto served in the Regiment, of whom at least seven have held command during the past twenty years.

Command of the 2nd Battalion passed to Lt.-Col. S. H. Kershaw, D.S.O., in September, on the appointment of Col. Sandilands as an instructor at the Senior Officers' School; two months later, Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., resumed command of the 1st Battalion which he held during the war, Col. Hardman Jones being placed on the half-pay list. The future of the FIFTH could be in no better hands than those of its present Commanding Officers.

To the constant reader of the *St. George's Gazette* the details of the doings of the Regiment should be well known. This retrospect can serve merely to summarise and take stock of these events; to answer the question, "Has it been well with the Regiment during the past year?" As a reply to that question, an incident hitherto unrecorded, which occurred about the close of 1924 and the opening of the year under review, may be related. A regiment is never more strictly or severely judged than by its drafts. Within the space of a few weeks it was reported that in general conduct and appearance a homeward bound draft of the 2nd Battalion was the best that had ever passed through the Deolali Rest Camp, and that an outward bound draft, composed of young soldiers from the Depôt and 1st Battalion, was the best that had embarked at Southampton since 1919, the best that had ever sailed on the particular ship that brought them to India, and the best young draft that had passed upwards through Deolali since the war.

But drafts are only the outward visible sign of an inward spiritual grace. The same may be said of successes in all the various branches of Army life. It is in this that satisfaction

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can be found from reading the record of the Regiment's achievements during the past year, both in work and in play, for it has more than held its own in both directions. It is pleasant to reflect on reading the January and February numbers of the *Gazette*, how keen would be the satisfaction of the late Capt. Hart in all that has been done in the Regiment by the inspiration of his name for the sport he chiefly loved, and how through this inspiration both Battalions to-day stand high in the Army boxing world. The same satisfactory report can be found with regard to every branch of sport. We are, perhaps, fortunate in the athletes with whom we are blessed, particularly in the 1st Battalion, but success cannot be attained without keenness and effort. That the officers of the 2nd Battalion are making the best of the opportunities for sport at Fyzabad, can be gathered from the record in the July number of the *Gazette* of the game shot in the past season—1,111 head ranging from 1 tigress and 2 panthers to 2 "various." It is the poor figure shown under the last heading that persuades one that it is a record solely of the officers' prowess: had the results of the considerable number of "other ranks" shooting parties been included a more satisfactory figure under "various" would undoubtedly have been shown.

On the turf, Mr. Seth-Smith is to be congratulated on winning the first race for the Regiment at Cologne, and it is thought since the war, with his horse PAULO. The May *Gazette* indicated Paulo as a good thing for future events, inducing several readers, it is said, to commission the Editor to invest their savings in this direction. The further successes of Paulo cannot be traced as having been published.

Another incident deserving special note is that of the 2nd Battalion's victory in the Lucknow Junior Polo Tournament in February. The Regiment has been represented in several finals, but this is the first polo tournament it has won since it carried off the Infantry Cups in England two years in succession in the 'nineties of last century. The circumstances of their expected early move from the Rhine has made polo difficult for the 1st Battalion, and the loss of several of their players has made something like a fresh start necessary in the 2nd Battalion. But it is keenness, not Cups, we want, and there is no lack of that throughout the Regiment. Given the keenness, cups and champions come along by themselves; Cups (like drafts) are just the outward visible signs. So it is in the large proportion of the men who during the past year have engaged in football, athletics and every form of keen, healthy sport which we can look back to with greater satisfaction rather than to the trophies won—though we don't *object* to having won the trophies as well!

If unselfishness, effort and keenness form the mainspring of efficiency in the Regular Army, how much more truly can this be said for the Territorial Army, whose officers and men give up their leisure to the service of their Country. The ties that unite our Regular and Territorial battalions grow stronger year by year, and the efforts and spirit of these battalions which we have been given the opportunity of appreciating monthly during the past year through the medium of the *Gazette* must be a true source of pride to all in the Regiment.

Catastrophies of a different form prevented both 1st and 2nd Battalions trooping the Colours on St. George's Day. The 1st Battalion was training in camp, and the 2nd Battalion had been placed in quarantine owing to an outbreak of small-pox. The day was, however, celebrated with unusual ceremony at the Depôt, where it was made the occasion for placing wreaths at the War Memorials of the Regiment, and was marked by the presence of the Colonel of the Regiment.

We have to record the death during the past year of Brigade Surgeon F. Collins, a Mutiny veteran of the FIFTH, and of Lt.-Col. J. C. Wadling, who joined the Regiment in 1858; also the early and tragic death of Lt.-Col. A. W. Rickman, who served with many of those of the present generation. Another well-known Fusilier, Mr. John O'Brien, one time Sergeant-Major in the FIFTH, has also been lost to us.

One of the most satisfactory features of 1925 has been the steady progress of the Old Comrades' Association (London Area). All those who in past years have left the Regiment will agree that when the hour of leaving came the bitterest thought was that they would be dependent on mere chance as to whether they would meet their comrades again; none experienced this bitterness more keenly than the long service officers who year by year see the men they have served with drift away into civil life and beyond their ken, with war offering the only opportunity of re-union. There is no longer reason for this; the occasions for re-union under happier circumstances have already brought many members to the Old Comrades' Association; a wider knowledge of its activities will, we confidently believe, still further increase its membership in the future. It is in the Regiment that we rejoice above all to see the sons of the FIFTH, and that there are many of these now serving can be seen from a 2nd Battalion group published in the *Gazette* some months ago, but next to this we look forward to seeing them at the re-unions of the Association. Till the rights of women are still further extended, we must rest content with meeting the daughters of the Regiment at these gatherings. London, however, is a far cry for many, and one feels that in future equal opportunities must be opened up for the meeting of old comrades in the North.

Before closing this Retrospect, which in excuse, if not as a matter of interest it may be said has been written at a provincial hotel with a pencil borrowed from the head waiter, a word must be said about the *St. George's Gazette*. At a recent conference at which the writer heard the matter of regimental papers discussed, the opinion was strongly put forward that a satisfactory solution for the conduct of such a journal could only be found in a salaried editor. Such has not been our experience in the FIFTH, and it is to be hoped will never be the case in our Regiment. But the fact that this opinion was expressed should make us realise how onerous the duties of our Editor are, and that our gratitude to him should be shown by liberal support, not only by helping circulation but by useful contributions. It is known that he finds the publication of photographs, in particular, a severe strain on finances, but a glance through the issues of 1925 shows the extent to which he has managed to fill the pages with these, knowing the pleasure that they give in the present and the interesting records they will form in the future. He is generous to young effort, which is as it should be, but the budding author or artist should repay this generosity by accepting criticism in the proper spirit, and all should realise the difficulty in catering for the taste of the newly-joined recruits and men old enough to be their great-grandfathers. It can be said that there is no institution in the Regiment which serves better to maintain what has always been so marked a characteristic of the FIFTH, that spirit of unity and comradeship not only among those serving in its various battalions, but between its past and present members.

The past equally with present can find reason for satisfaction in 1925, and, it is felt, that all may look with confidence to the coming year to bring fresh honour to the name of the Regiment.

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Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

December, 1925.

The heartiest congratulations of all ranks of the FIFTH are accorded to Colonel Herbert on his marriage.

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We are all delighted to welcome Mrs. Herbert to the Regiment.

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Col. Herbert rather threw a bomb at our heads when he announced his engagement, before we had time to collect ourselves he was married. Now that we have met Mrs. Herbert, we can only say that, like Col. Herbert, we are also won.

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The winter season is now fully upon us, everything seems very mixed. An occasional officer is seen about the barracks, and now and then a tiny squad of Fusiliers is observed being instructed in the arts of war.

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The Rhine Army has really commenced to evacuate Cologne. We were first informed of this fact by the home press. The first Units to depart were the Manchester Regiment, 28th Coy. M.T. R.A.S.C., and detachments of Sappers and R.A.M.C. The Cameron Highlanders are the next to depart, and after Christmas there is to be quite a rush.

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According to photographs in certain daily papers, the first Unit was seen to be marching to the Bahnhof in brilliant sunshine, the streets scrupulously clean and dry. At Marienburg, however, the same day we were almost buried in snow.

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The mantle of winter descended upon us with a bang. The frost was the severest known in Cologne for very many years. A few amongst us were fortunate to have skating at Linderthal. The ice, however, was very poor.

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Great winter sporting activity prevailed on the Golf Course, where the snow gave great delight to the young.

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During the whole month we have been unable to play any games as the square has been quite impossible. The Company Football Leagues are still put back.

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We have had a certain amount of shooting, and on a few occasions have had quite good bags.

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Capt. Braddell had shockingly bad luck. The only occasion on which he has tried to fly he was mistaken for a partridge.

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Capt. Rushbrooke, Mr. Bolster and Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt have returned from leave. Mr. Parsons also returned, only to be shipped off to Coblence to relieve Mr. Bland.

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The last of the Indian Draft departed for the Depôt at the beginning of the month. We believe that they are due to leave the Depôt on or about the 6th of January. We wish them a good voyage and good luck.

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A draft of 32 recruits arrived from the Depôt the same week They are very welcome, and help to swell our diminishing numbers.

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One very good friend of the Regiment has departed. That is Padre Hutchings, who has proceeded to take up an appointment at Chepstow. We wish him every luck, and hope we shall meet him again.

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Our roll of learned seigneurs is on the increase. Capt. Rushbrooke and Mr. Newstead have defeated the Examiners. There has been feverish study of the Army List since.

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Mr. Newstead returned from a Provost course in Aldershot. He there acquired much knowledge and some weight. He has been the object of our admiration ever since. We are glad to note that he qualified as having "passed with credit."

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He has undertaken the arrangements for the parking of cars for the Mess Dance.

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Mr. Beckwith has also returned from a Hygiene course. Capt. Powell has now a deadly rival.

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We are now in the 2nd Rhine Brigade, under Col.-Commdt. Bethell. Col.-Commdt. Maxwell-Scott has departed to Weisbaden as O.C. Troops. Before leaving he came and inspected the Battalion, and in his farewell address stated: "I hope I may be fortunate enough again to have such a splendid Regiment as the FIFTH under my command!"

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The subalterns of the Regiment heard some wonderful words of praise. They are now making the Captains take their turns as Subaltern of the day.

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Dame Rumour has fairly hotted us:—

1. The Battalion is going to Colchester.
2. The Battalion is going to Catterick.
3. The Battalion is going to Strensall.
4. It is not quite decided where the Battalion is going to.
5. (Official.) The Battalion will move to Ballykinlar on or about the 27th January.
6. Ballykinlar is to be made a one-battalion station, we may not go there.
7. (Official.) The Battalion will move to Ballykinlar on the night 30th/31st January.
8. (Semi-Official.) The Battalion is going to Strensall (practically confirmed by the washer-woman).
9. (Official.) An advance party of 2 officers and 32 other ranks will proceed to Ballykinlar on the night of the 5th January.

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It is all very well, but there is an old song called "We wanna go 'ome."

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Major Critchley Salmonson has not yet departed on leave. We know, however, that a comprehensive world tour is being arranged. His room is full of time-tables, guide-books, memoirs, etc. Even F.S.R. and Infantry Training are being brought to bear on the all-important matter. "Rapidity of movement, speed, energy and decision."

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St. George's Minstrels have come to life again. They gave us two really wonderful performances. Capt. Lindsay and all members of the troupe are to be heartily congratulated on the success of the show.

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They are to give another show on Saturday, 26th December. Unfortunately these notes will be in post by then. We hear that the next show is to be more wonderful than the last.

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Our Boxing Teams gave an excellent account of themselves at the Central Y.M.C.A. A full account appears below.

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The Christmas tree was much appreciated. The conjuror and ventriloquist were well up to standard. Father Christmas made a special journey to see the children. The toys, which were given away by Mrs. Herbert, were first-rate.

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As these notes are ended, late as usual, I can smell the 'Xmas dinner cooking. All Fusiliers of the First Battalion join in wishing all our friends, both at Home and Abroad, a Very Happy Christmas and all Good Luck for 1926.

BOXING NOTES.

The B.A.O.R. Novices' Team Boxing Championship was held at the Central Y.M.C.A., Cologne, on Thursday and Friday evenings, the 10th and 11th December, 1925.

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The Battalion team tied with the West Yorkshire Regt., Manchester Regt. and York and Lancs. Regt. for second place, each team scoring 25 points. The Manchester Regt. were officially placed second by reason of having the most finalists.

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The Battalion team and reserves were as follows :—

Catch-weight—Lce.-Cpl. Watson, "Z" Coy. (team Captain).

Light Heavy-weight—Lce.-Cpl. Power, "Y" Coy.; Fus. McGarry (reserve), "X" Coy.

Middle-weight—Fus. Sharpe, "Z" Coy.; Fus. King (reserve), H.Q. Wing.

Welter-weight—Lce.-Cpl. Colley, H.Q. Wing; Fus. Marron, "Y" Coy. (reserve).

Light-weight—Fus. Fairs, "Y" Coy.

Feather-weight—Fus. Marshall, "W" Coy.; Fus. Guest, "X" Coy. (reserve).

Bantam-weight—Bdsmn. Anderson, H.Q. Wing; Fus. Maddison, "X" Coy. (reserve).

Fly-weight—Nil. Fus. Buttery, "Y" Coy. and Fus. Dick, "Y" Coy., failed to get down to the weight after much sweating, which was bad luck as both had been training hard.

A short account of the fights which affected the Bn. team is given below :—

Bantam-weight (1st Series).

Bdsmn. Anderson. 1 point

Pte. Hornby, West Yorkshire Regt., beat Bdsmn. Anderson, 5th Fusiliers, at the end of the first round, the referee stopping the bout. Anderson fought well, but was outclassed by the eventual winner of the weight, who disposed of all his victims in similar fashion. Bdsmn. Anderson should have gone a good way in this weight, if he had not met Pte. Hornby in the 1st Series.

Light-weight (1st Series).

Fus. Fairs, 5th Fusiliers, a bye. 2 points

Welter-weight (1st Series).

Lce.-Cpl. McNabb, Manchester Regt., beat Lce.-Cpl. Colley, 5th Fusiliers, on points after a very close fight and a fine display of grit and determination by both men.

Here again we were unlucky in the draw, McNabb eventually being runner-up in his weight. 1 point

Middle-weight (1st Series).

Fus. Sharpe, 5th Fusiliers, a bye. 2 points

Light Heavy-weight (1st Series).

Lce.-Cpl. Power, 5th Fusiliers, a bye. 2 points

Heavy-weights (1st Series).

Lce.-Cpl. Watson, 5th Fus., *v.* Pte. Grier, R.A.S.C.

This was promising to become a good bout, but half way through the first round both men clinched a lot, and Grier, after being warned, was disqualified for holding and hitting. 2 points

Feather-weights (1st Series).

Fus. Marshall, 5th Fus., beat Pte. Farrell, Y. and L. Regt., on points, after a good bout during which he made good use of his left to the mark and has improved considerably since the Open Novices' Competition. 2 points

Light-weights (2nd Series).

Fus. Fairs, 5th Fusiliers, beat Piper McLeod, Cameron Highlanders, on points.

This was a very even bout, each man trying for a k.o.; in round three Fairs took the lead on points and finished strongly. Each man took and gave lots of punishment. 2 points

Middle-weights (2nd Series).

Rfmn. Best (R.V.R.) beat Fus. Sharpe, 5th Fusiliers, in the first round. This was a splendid fight, with Sharpe leading comfortably on points at the end of the second round

Both men went in at the third meeting even more fiercely than previously, and Fus. Sharpe, not realising how comfortably he was leading, forced the pace to such an extent that eventually he beat himself, and in the last stages of the round, after being floored twice and rising each time, he was k.o. finally. Rfmn. Best was in much the same state of exhaustion. 1 point.

Light Heavy-weights (2nd Series).

Lce.-Cpl. Power, 5th Fusiliers, beat Lce.-Cpl. Giles, 43rd Light Infantry, in the second round, the referee stopping the bout.

Neither men knew very much of the game, and started in whirlwind fashion. Power landed the more frequently, and in

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round two floored his man twice, and the referee stopped the bout in his favour. 2 points

First evening—5th Fusiliers = 17 points.

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FRIDAY EVENING.

Feather-weights (Semi-Finals).

Fus. Marshall, 5th Fusiliers, beat Lce.-Cpl. Joliffe, K.S.L.I., on points.

Marshall fought well, and was attacking throughout and very aggressive, but could not connect with his right owing to the clever slipping tactics of his opponent, who time after time just got out of a tight corner. 2 points

Light-weights (Semi-Finals).

Pte. Page, Manchester Regt., beat Fus. Fairs in the second round on a k.o.

Fairs put up a very plucky display and held his man at bay until the end of the second round, by which time he had received very heavy punishment. 1 point

Light Heavy-weights (Semi-Finals).

Lce.-Cpl. Power, 5th Fusiliers, beat Lce.-Cpl. Bishop, West Yorkshire Regt., on points.

Power improved astonishingly on his previous performance and scored with ease with good, clean, straight lefts, but did not know how to finish his man off when he shook him up. 2 points

Heavy-weights (Semi-Final).

Farrier Studgeon, K.D.G.'s w.o. Lce.-Cpl. Watson, 5th Fus., who was prevented from boxing by the M.O., owing to injuring his wrist the previous evening. 1 point

Feather-weights (Final).

Pte. Mann, R.A.S.C., beat Fus. Marshall in the second round on a k.o.

The first round showed Marshall very aggressive and scoring well with straight hitting, but his opponent was the more experienced and countered and cross-countered with accuracy. In round two Mann became more aggressive, and after a rousing round drove Marshall to the ropes, where he received an uppercut to the jaw followed by a k.o. blow over the heart.

Light Heavy-weight (Final).

Pte. Stodhard, York and Lancs. Regt., beat Lce.-Cpl. Power, 5th Fus., on points, after a stirring struggle for the upper hand.

Power tried hard for a k.o., but failed to connect owing to his opponent being the better boxer.

He continued to score freely with good left leads, but at the end of round three Stodhard, who boxed coolly throughout, gained the verdict on points.

Final Placings.

1.	Cameron Highlanders	31 points
2.	Manchester Regt.	25 ,,
3.	Fifth Fusiliers	25 ,,
	West Yorkshire Regt.	25 ,,
	York and Lancs. Regt.	25 ,,
4.	Royal Ulster Rifles	24 ,,
	R.A.S.C.	24 ,,
	King's Dragoon Guards	24 ,,
5.	43rd Light Infantry	22 ,,
6.	K.S.L.I.	20 ,,

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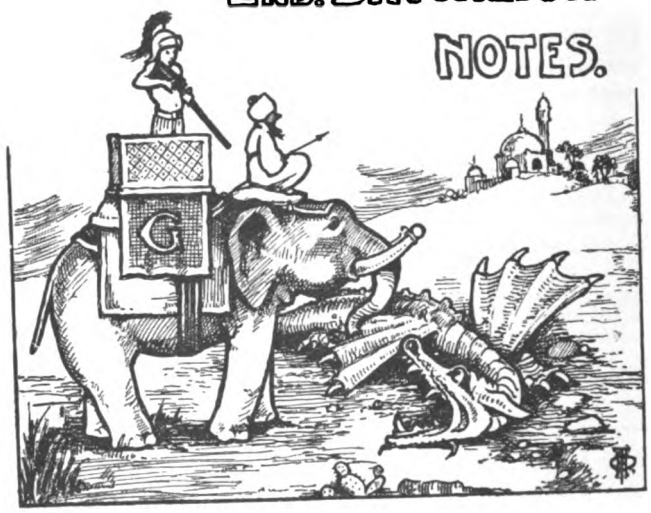

FYZABAD,

November, 1925.

The month has been largely occupied with preparations for the departure of the Battalion to camp. We leave Fyzabad on 29th November, and are going to a new locality in the neighbourhood of Akbarpur, about forty miles south of Fyzabad. From all accounts there is plenty of ground suitable for training, and the camp itself will be situated within a stone's throw of a railway station. The local magnates, Rajah Sir Sayed Abujafar, K.C.I.E., and Rajah Tawakkal Hussain, are very well disposed towards the Battalion, and will doubtless do what they can to make us welcome, so by all indications we should have a profitable and pleasant time.

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Major Foster, with "B" Company, has already left to prepare the camp, and, if we may judge from his very successful achievement in that direction last year, we can rely on being made as comfortable as possible.

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In the realms of sport, we have not been inactive. The annual competitions for the Hart Boxing Medals and the Oakden Hockey Cup have been held during the month, accounts of which will be found elsewhere, as also will a description of the Polo Tournament.

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The latter was the central feature of the "Fyzabad Week." This was an innovation which, it is safe to say, was quite a success. To us, living in a somewhat remote station, the influx of visitors was very welcome, and, if we may judge from appearances and the assurances of the latter, they also enjoyed themselves.

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In addition to the two polo tournaments, the programme included a cricket match, a duck shoot, various "At Homes," and dances at the Club, so we were kept fully occupied.

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Teams were entered for the Polo Tournament by the 4th Queen's Own Hussars, 6th Field Battery, Royal Artillery, United Provinces Light Horse and Lucknow Gymkhana Club, in addition to ourselves, we were represented by Mr. Fryer (1), Capt. Cooper (2), Mr. Humphreys (3), and Mr. Grimley

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(back), and were unfortunate in being drawn against the eventual winners of the tournament, the Lucknow Gymkhana Club, in the first round. But, although we had the worst of it, we afterwards had the satisfaction of knowing that we had scored more goals against them than had any other team. Our opponents went on to beat the 4th Hussars in the semi-finals and the U.P. Light Horse in the final.

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On the last day, the teams eliminated in the earlier rounds competed in a subsidiary tournament, which was won by the 4th Hussars.

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The Battalion entered two teams for the Oakden Hockey Cup. "A" Team was the representative Battalion team and "B" team was entered by the Corporals' Club. Both worked their way into the semi-finals, only to fall victims to two Indian teams. The competition, which is for a Cup presented by a former Commissioner of Fyzabad, drew five entrants and provided many good matches.

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Another draft left us for England on the 28th October. Included among the thirty-two men composing it was Fusilier R. Hosker, who has made a reputation for himself far and wide as a skilful and stout-hearted boxer. It is fitting that in this, the last year of his service, he should achieve the distinction of being the winner of the "Air Force Belt," carrying with it the title of "Fly-Weight Champion of India."

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The Saint George's Minstrels opened their season on 18th November with a performance which has been described by some as the most successful they have yet given. The standard of talent displayed was certainly unusually high, when we remember that the performers are soldiers primarily and variety artistes as an after-thought. It would be invidious, and indeed difficult, to single out any particular performer for praise, but we noted with pleasure the rise of a new star in the person of Fusilier Walton, a comedian of real merit, of whom we hope to see much in the future.

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Another feature which caused favourable comment was the scenery. This was painted by Fusilier Allen, of the Orderly Room staff, but so charming were the designs, and good the execution, that they might well have been the handiwork of some famous scene painter.

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We had a visit during the month from Col. A. E. McNamara, C.M.G., D.S.O., commanding the 10th Indian Infantry Brigade, who inspected some of the Companies during platoon training and visited the lines.

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The only other visit worthy of remark was that made by a snake (a Banded Krait, guaranteed to send one to the next world in the shortest possible time), which came into the anteroom of the Officers' Mess one night after dinner and created a sensation among the occupants. Its encounter with Major Foster terminated fatally for the visitor in the first round.

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Mr. Rose and Mr. Vaughan, of the Indian Unattached List, have left us on posting to the Gurkha Rifles, after having been attached to the Battalion for a year. We were very sorry to see them go, and wish them every success in their future career.

We congratulate Mr. Humphreys on his appointment as Adjutant of the Battalion, in succession to Mr. Ingledew.

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Capt. Hogshaw has rejoined the Battalion from a Judging Distance Course; Mr. Flower from a Transport Course; and Mr. Martin from eight months' leave in the United Kingdom.

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We offer our sincere condolences to Capt. Plummer on the death of his father, which occurred on 22nd November.

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On the 21st November, the Battalion learned with profound regret of the death of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra.

THE HART MEDALS INDIVIDUAL BOXING TOURNAMENT.

The Hart Medal Tournament was fought off at Fyzabad on the 16th and 17th November. Whilst the entries were somewhat short in comparison to previous years, there was still that excellence of boxing and display of fighting spirit which has characterised the competition and the delight of the Fusilier to uphold this Regimental Institution.

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Chief amongst the fine contests in the earlier sessions was a hard-hitting fight in the Feather-Weight class between Fus. Oakes of "B" Coy. and Fus. Antcliffe of "D" Coy. In the third round, Oakes jabbed both hands to the head. Antcliffe fell, and his head struck the boards. He rose dazed and stood up to his man for the remainder of the round, to receive severe

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punishment. When the gong sounded he had to be led to his corner.

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Fus. Skinner of "B" Coy., in an endeavour to come back, and as an example to many more able-bodied men, put up a good show against Fus. Murphy of the same company. But age is not so kind where youth is concerned, and Skinner had to acknowledge defeat at the hands of a much younger man.

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Fus. Cross of "D" Coy. and Fus. Fawcett of H.Q. Wing, though opposite in styles, fought a determined fight. Fawcett was aggressive in the first two rounds, mixing the fighting as often as he could. Cross increased his speed in the third round, and landing his left in piston-like fashion wiped off a good margin of points and sufficient to win the contest.

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Last year's Light-Weight winner, Fus. Lawson of "C" Coy., had no easy task in the Welter-Weight class, and experienced difficulty in shaking off the attention of that tough fighter, Fus. Wilson of "A" Coy. There was little to choose between them, but Lawson, with a better knowledge of ringcraft, gained the verdict.

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The semi-finals and finals produced excellent hard-hitting contests, and in the majority of instances a real knowledge of good boxing. For real hard hitting Fus. Mellis and Fus. Carter, both of "B" Coy., provided a thrilling contest. Mellis withstood heavy blows to the head in the early rounds. He fought his opponent in determined fashion, and was landing blow for blow in the third round when Carter was disqualified for hitting with the back of the glove.

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In the final of the Middle-Weight, Fus. Hayton of "A" Coy., with more experience and having survived an easier contest early in the evening, disposed of Mellis with two hard rights to the head, the second of which sent Mellis to the boards to be counted out.

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In the Welter-Weights, Fus. Johnson of "B" Coy. forced all the fighting against Fus. Lawson of "C" Coy. Both were tired in the third round, but Johnson had a clear margin of points to win.

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Cpl. Hornsby of "C" Coy. and Fus. Wright, "B" Coy., both rather oppositely built in stature, provided a spirited contest. Wright, small but persistent, was for ever on the aggressive. Hornsby avoided most of his rushes by quick crouching and retaliated with heavy body blows. An extra round was ordered, and after more lively fighting Hornsby was adjudged winner. Hornsby, however, after the severe buffetting could not contest the final and Johnson won the weight.

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A contest with a good deal of interest attached, in view of the fact that that smart Feather-Weight, Fus. Phillips of "D" Coy., had not been severely extended for many months, was the latter's bout in the Feather-Weight semi-final with Fus. Clark of "B" Coy. Clark is one of those brave hard-hitting fighters who does not know what defeat is, and who prefers hard fighting to the finer arts. His mighty left, which has laid down so many opponents, was, however, effectively countered by Phillips. The latter forced the whole of the fighting—there was no drawing back—dealing out terrific punishment with both hands. Clark was sent to the boards twice, but game fellow as he is, he stood up to receive more. Phillips is a fighter as well as boxer. Always prepared to take hard knocks, he administers punishment in much more severe fashion than he receives, and his ring craft in combination stamps him as a fighter of the first class in whom the Battalion have high hopes for the future.

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Fus. Oakes of "B" Coy. and Fus. McRae of "C" Coy. fought practically toe to toe in the first round. McRae was sickly after the second round, and the referee awarded the fight to Oakes. It was ascertained after the fight that Oakes had dislocated his thumb. This left Fus. Phillips a walk over in the Feather-Weight final.

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In the final of the Bantam-Weight Fus. McMullen, "D" Coy., won from Fus. Malone, "D" Coy., and in the final of the Heavies Fus. Murphy disposed of Fus. Overend with a right upper cut in the first round.

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Fus. Fraser of "C" Coy. displayed excellent footwork against Fus. Walden of "A" Coy., and was an easy winner in the semi-final of the Light-Weights.

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Fus. Cross of "D" Coy. was too experienced for Fus. Wright of "D" Coy. in the other semi-final and, although Wright was game, the Referee stopped the fight in the third round in favour of Cross.

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The last fight of the evening against Fus. Cross of "D" Coy. and Fus. Fraser of "C" Coy., in the Light-Weight final, provided a contest so full of merit to send all away in happy vein. Fraser hit in lightning fashion with both hands in the first two rounds. Cross was not at all aggressive, and although his left was occasionally in evidence, he found his opponent elusive and quick on the return. As in the semi-final, Cross came along at a fast pace in the third round. Fraser tired and was quite unable to keep out his opponent's left. Two and three at a time, in electric fashion, they landed, and Fraser was well tired in the end of the round. An extra round was ordered, when Cross, with his well timed left and a number of hard rights, had his man well beaten to gain the decision.

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The medals for Individual winners and runners up were presented by the Commanding Officer, who remarked upon the excellence of the contests, referring particularly to the bouts between Fus. Oakes and Fus. Antcliffe; Fus. Cross and Fus. Fraser; Fus. Phillips and Fus. Clark; and Fus. Wright and Cpl. Hornsby. The Commanding Officer thanked Major Hume-Wright for so kindly officiating as referee, this being heartily endorsed by those present.

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Three cheers for the Colonel brought the Tournament to a close.

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RESULTS.

Bantam-Weight.

Final.—Fus. McMullen, "D" Coy., beat Fus. Malone, "D" Coy., third round.

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Light-Weights.

1st Series.—Fus. Cross, "D" Coy., beat Fus. Fawcett, "A" Coy.; Fus. Wright, "D" Coy., beat Fus. Bell, "B" Coy.

Semi-Final.—Fus. Fraser, "C" Coy., beat Fus. Walden, "A" Coy.; Fus. Cross, "D" Coy., beat Fus. Wright, "D" Coy.

Final.—Fus. Cross, "D" Coy., beat Fus. Fraser, "C" Coy., after extra round.

Feather-Weight.

1st Series.—Fus. Oakes, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Antcliffe, "D" Coy.; Fus. Phillips, "D" Coy., beat Fus. Prinn, "B" Coy.; Fus. Clark, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Callaghan, "A" Coy.; Fus. McRae, "C" Coy., beat Fus. De Costa, "A" Coy.

Semi-Final.—Fus. Phillips, "D" Coy., beat Fus. Clark, "B" Coy.; Fus. Oakes, "B" Coy., beat Fus. McRae, "C" Coy.

Final.—Fus. Phillips, "D" Coy., beat Fus. Oakes, "B" Coy., on medical grounds.

Welter-Weight.

1st Series.—Fus. Wright, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Fallows, "C" Coy.; Cpl. Hornsby, "C" Coy., beat Fus. Jamieson, "B" Coy.; Fus. Smith, "A" Coy., beat Fus. McIntyre, "A" Coy.

2nd Series.—Fus. Johnson, "B" Coy., w.o. Fus. Taylor, "D" Coy., scratched; Fus. Lawson, "C" Coy., beat Fus. Wilson, "A" Coy.; Cpl. Hornsby, "C" Coy., beat Fus. Smith, "A" Coy.; Fus. Wright, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Rutter, "D" Coy.

Semi-Final.—Fus. Johnson, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Lawson, "C" Coy.; Cpl. Hornsby, "C" Coy., beat Fus. Wright, "B" Coy.

Final.—Fus. Johnson, "B" Coy., w.o. Cpl. Hornsby, "C" Coy., medical grounds.

Middle-Weight.

Semi-Final.—Fus. Hayton, "A" Coy., beat Fus. Crinson, "D" Coy.; Fus. Mellis, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Carter, "B" Coy.

Final.—Fus. Hayton, "A" Coy., beat Fus. Mellis, "B" Coy., first round.

Heavy-Weight.

Semi-Final.—Fus. Murphy, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Skinner, "B" Coy

Final—Fus. Murphy, "B" Coy., beat Fus. Overend, "B" Coy., first round.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

C.Q.M.S. Williams, D.C.M., and Mrs. Williams, Sergt. and Mrs. Mole left us during the month to sail on 11th November for United Kingdom. The former having completed 21 years' service, carries away with him the best wishes of the Mess for success and happiness in civil life; and Sergt. and Mrs. Mole our hopes for a successful and happy time at the Depôt.

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C.S.M. Moon has also left us for 6 months' winter leave to U.K.

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We welcome the following to the Mess, on appointment:—Lce.-Sgt. Walker, Lce.-Sgt. Bosworth, Lce.-Sgt. Jones, Lce.-Sgt. Womack; also congratulations to Lce.-Sgt. Couse on appointment to a/Sgt.; C.Q.M.S. Ward on promotion to Colour-Sergt. and Sergts. Holmes and Fellows on promotion to substantive rank.

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Tennis and Dances are in full swing, and we have much to thank the President of the Entertainment Committee for the round of festivities just now.

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In the tennis "At Home," in the grounds of the 9th Battery Mess, we were narrowly beaten, and in the "At Home" in our own courts we again succumbed to the Battery Mess. The sets were quite numerous, and many hitherto back members found delight in displaying their prowess.

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Our hockey team has at last met defeat. The local police were our undoing, and whipped us severely on their own ground to the tune of 4—1.

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We somewhat retrieved ourselves when we defeated the Drums at Soccer by 3—0.

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The 2nd Hill Party has rejoined, bringing C.Q.M.S. Avison, Sergts. Cosgrove, Pearson, Bellamy, Fellows and Lce.-Sergt. Wood back to us.

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The first five named have already departed to camp with the advance party, where we hope to join them on the 29th November.

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Sergts. Surtees and Merrin left us to sail for U.K. on the 4th November, on transfer to the Reserve. The drain upon us is severe, and in the loss of these two members a very happy connection has been severed.

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C.S.M. Beck has been touring round the country, and hopes to give us the history of the Taj, etc., etc., at some future date. He affirms that Sergt. Keth (Agra Contingent A.F.I.) has assumed the dimensions of Jack Dempsey, and that Akbar was never such a mighty personality.

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

As promised in our last notes, herewith more news about our little "wee dug-out," but owing to the fact that there is only one correspondent, our notes will be the same as our dug-out—"wee."

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Did you ask where the other correspondent had gone to? Well, he has left us for Meerut, with visions of being a full-blown Sergeant-Major before long.

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Before we go any further, we must tender our heartiest congratulations to Colonel Kershaw on his recent promotion, and trust that he will be long enough with us to take us home. Yes, someone actually said, the other day, it would be 1927, but I think that must have been a typewritten error, and that 1937 was meant. Still, it does not matter much, as we are already trained for next year's mosquito campaign.

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Since our last notes we have had two games of hockey—one with the Sudder Bazaar, and one with the Battalion "A"

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team ; in the latter we came off top to the extent of 3—0. The result of this match led us to believe that we could do something better, so we entered a team in the Oakden Hockey Cup Tournament, and immediately put our team into training, and our President, " Buck," had visions of collecting some Mess silver. But oh ! what a time to start.

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By the way, we have lost two of our oldest members of the Club this month, in Cpls. Walker and Bosworth, who have joined the upper set on their appointment to Lce.-Sergeants, the latter receiving a still higher appointment of Master Cook.

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As mentioned beforehand, we entered for the Oakden Hockey Tournament, and we played our first match on the 10th November, against the Indian Police. Herewith a short account of the match :—

We won the toss and chose the north goal, and within the first minute we were losing, 1—0. This goal, I might add, was scored by our opponents' " mainstay." He has been pointed out to our Captain previous to the start of the match, so after his first goal he was well watched, and we eventually came off best to the tune of 4—1.

Mention must be made of 2nd-Lieut. Jenney, who although handicapped with a dislocated toe, played the game of his life ; he surely must have forgotten that he was on the sick list. We were also considerably strengthened by our star performers from the " khuds," *i.e.* Lce.-Cpls. Whitelock, Jacobs, Hand and Hughes.

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Our second game was with the 9th Battery, R.F.A. This was a very close and clean game, and we succeeded in coming off top dog by 1—0. In this game we must mention Lce.-Cpl. Skinner, our goalkeeper, as being the means of getting us into the semi-finals. I believe he was very much bruised, but that he did not mind, as he and the rest of the team had a vision of a large Cup for the Club. We also heard at the close of this match that our " A " team had succeeded to reach the semi-finals.

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The semi-finals proved disastrous for both our teams, our team going down to the tune of 2—0. Our visions of Mess silver have therefore gone west.

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We have decided to have monthly dances during the winter months, so we expect to have a good and glorious time this cold season.

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Congratulations to Lce.-Cpl. Stephenson, of Band fame, who has taken unto himself a wife. We wish him and Mrs. Stephenson the best of luck and prosperity in their new state.

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We are at present getting ready for camp : only a few more days to go, and we will be off with old " Humpty " as our pal.

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Some of us have been kept busy the last two weeks on promotion exams., especially " D." In this exam. much sympathy was felt for the examining officer. He saved the situation once by shouting " STOP ! " else we would have been at camp, waiting the arrival of the Battalion.

" CHEER-UP."

THE " NAPPY."

It came to our notice, a short while ago,
That the " TROOPS " wouldn't pay the old barber, you know.
'Twas eggsibited quite plainly, " If you don't lob the tin,
Then we'll turn out the ' slops ' and have yer rushed in."

Like the average " nigger," the " NAPPY " was slick
In cartin' complaints to the office so quick.
Why ! the old " JERRY " barber out there on the Rhine
Never thought of them tricks at any old time.

There was one thing about 'im, I think I am right,
And 'e did know the diff'runce between the day and the night.
It's the " troof " I'm tellin', not just merely rhyme,
That these nigs are " kippin " the whole " blinkin' " time.

Well, to get to the subject, the " NAP " comes to shave
(Which is known to the " swaddie " as a " dig in the grave."
'E starts by makin' just what 'e calls a " larver,"
While yer whisper a prayer that 'e won't go no " farther" ;
Yer don't mind till their black 'and goes a-roamin' yer chin,
An' yer think fer the minnit, " Ere's where I cash in."
But yer let him get " gannin " without makin' a din.
For the sake of our 'ome works we won't call it " soap "
That 'e rubs on yer, but it 'aint oriental poison we hope ;
But whatever it is, it doesn't 'arf sting,
Like the mosquis' when they're out on nite-ops !

When yer chin is got ready, all covered wiv larver,
Yer whisper a prayer, that 'e won't go no farther.
There's a jingle of old iron, and lo ! like the " GIN,"
His 'and is disclosed with a razor therein.
Wiv' a face like a " matyr " yer giv' 'im one look,
An' think (ter yerself) 'ere's the end o' me book,
As his razor succeeds in scrapin' yer clock
(Makes yer think you're being rubbed with a rough wooden block),
" 'Urry up and get done wiv' it " (with language profane),
Then 'e calmly whispers : " Both edges are same."

Well, you've all been in civ'., and have heard a saw-mill,
That's the tune of 'is razor, an' if you don't keep still
It just catches yer clock, then yer go through the mill.
Yer suddenly find out, give a 'orrid look round,
An' yer much alive : " NAPPY'S " gone clean orf the ground.
Until it is pay-day—p'raps not even then
Will the old " dusky " darlin' ever come back agin',
But yer 'ear from 'im quick enough if yer don't " lob the tin."
Now that is the story, an' it's " pukka " no spoof ;
Let 'im shave yer just once, an' you'll know the troof.

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4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN,
23rd December, 1925.

So this is Christmas !

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May it bring happiness for all Fusiliers.

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The 4th Battalion wishes all other Battalions and old comrades a NEW YEAR better in every way than the old one.

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We were rather pleased with ourselves at the beginning of this month, as the result of our football match in the Divisional Championship against the 72nd Field Brigade, R.A. Our team, which has not played together since June, may indeed be proud of the excellent football they played on 5th December, when we won by the comfortable margin of 9 goals.

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As the result, however, of our second game with the Gunners (this time 55th Medium Brigade), we have temporarily ceased to wag our tails, after being defeated by 5 goals to 1.

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Mr. W. M. Gibson has assumed command of "W" Company, on the departure of Captain Peacock who, rumour hath it, is preparing for further strenuous soldiering in the South Country.

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We have started recruiting again, and so far there has been a steady response.

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There are, however, a considerable number of men due for discharge before Camp, so that we want to keep constantly up to strength, and there is still room for some men in the H.Q. Wing and all the other Companies except "W."

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Christmas Greetings have been received by the Officers' Mess from the Regimental Depôt, 1st and 2nd Battalions, 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions, The Northumberland Hussars, and Capt. C. Chipper.

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More cards are arriving by each post.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

This month we have not much to record other than the activities of the local members of the Battalion football team in collecting themselves for the fray on two occasions.

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Luckily for the Sports Committee this sort of thing does not often occur; otherwise their territorial life would be a continual round of frenzied action.

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We very much regret to complain that we feel keen disappointment at the failing strength of the Prudhoe Guards' pen, more particularly so at the apparent utter collapse of it last month.

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Seemingly Cupid, having finished his fell work at Newburn, has departed to Prudhoe, seeking fresh fields and pastures new. We wish Cupid every success, but hope that he will not interfere with the pen of the scribe.

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On Saturday, 5th December, Captains Watson and Wood were guests at the annual dinner of the Northumberland and Durham P.O.'s and Sergeants' Association in Newcastle.

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R.Q.M.S. P. Connell presided, and according to all accounts the function was a great success.

At the present time many of our N.C.O.'s are undergoing courses of instruction at the Depôt in preparation for their arduous duties under our new training scheme.

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As we too own an art contributor, we beg leave to admire the numerous excellent sketches of the 2nd Battalion artists.

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Much as we would like to emulate this extensive illustrating we are handicapped by the necessity of having to earn our bread and cheese during the daytime and do our soldiering "of a night." We have consequently found it impossible this time to compete.

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BATTALION SPORTS NOTICES.

In the 50th T.A. Divisional Football Championship first round we were drawn against the 72nd Field Brigade, R.A., and as we were the home team, the game was played at Newburn on the Newburn A.F.C. Ground, kindly placed at our disposal by the Directors of that Club.

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We were the winners by 9 goals to nil, and this result was very satisfactory considering the difficulty we have in collecting our team, which hails from Haltwhistle, Prudhoe and Newburn.

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This game was played on Saturday, 5th December, and a week later, on the 12th, we played the 55th Medium Brigade, R.A. in the second round at Sunderland. Unfortunately, in the second game we were not so lucky, and the "Mediums" beat us by 5 goals to 1.

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They turned out a fine team against us and deserved their win. As representatives of the 140th Infantry Brigade, we aspired to reach the final, but the fates were against us.

ADVANTAGES OF BEING A TERRITORIAL.

(By Te-Ay.)

There are tremendous, enormous and stupendous advantages in being a Territorial—in fact, the advantages are so great that they rank as colossal advantages. A colossal advantage is a great thing—in fact, it is tremendous, enormous and stupendous, so much so indeed, that it ought to be, and indeed it very often is, greatly considered by the absolutely very best people when pondering the difficult problem of what to do with their boys in their (the boys') spare time when they (the boys) have reached the gawky age.

Some people believe in the good old adage, "Buy a billiard table and keep your boys at home," but personally I strongly advise in the case of gawky-aged boys—Territorialism.

From the above you will no doubt by now thoroughly understand that I am a strong advocate of Territorialism—that is to say, of being a Territorial. For the benefit of the uninitiated—*i.e.*, those who are not initiated—I make haste to explain that a Territorial is a person who adopts the cheap trip *en bloc* method of summer holiday-making, which includes a free ticket on an approved railway, all found and with a slight remuneration thrown in under the distinct understanding that he sleeps in a tent, rises at 6 a.m., wears and tears a khaki uniform,

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carries a rifle, salutes seniors who are kept in the vicinity for the express purpose of being saluted, and retires early to bed—sober.

To some this may seem a strange line of conduct, but let me assure you here and now that great influence is necessary to enter the select circles of Territorialism. In the first place, to become a Territorial, one must produce a birth certificate; in the case of twins, two birth certificates. A slight mental calculation will accredit this, but then, of course, everyone knows that only people with pedegrees possess birth certificates.

In the second place, one must accomplish an introduction to an approved P.S. Instructor, if possible by being introduced to him, but if this is impossible then perhaps openly accosting him on a dark night might fulfil the necessary requirements. An introduction is very difficult, as very few people know any approved P.S. Instructors—as a matter of fact very few P.S. Instructors know themselves, they have so much to do. Still, where there's a will there's a way, but all the wills and ways in the world are of no avail unless one is confident that if one is married, one is twenty-six years of age or over, or that one has a fervent desire to form fours in one's spare time.

Again, one must emphatically declare that one is prepared to be thoroughly bored by an all-powerful N.C.O. with beautifully creased trousers and a Depôt smile, twenty times p.a. Yet again one must be thoroughly prepared to shoot, lose, steal, give away or otherwise get rid of approximately sixty rounds of ammunition p.a.

There are numerous obstacles, obstructions, snags and other inconveniences to be overcome, but only when one has come over them successfully can one be a Territorial. Of course you will note that I am only dealing with the difficulties of becoming a Territorial in the singular sense, what happens if two people combine their efforts at attestation, I am not prepared to say.

Finally, the crowning glory of the Territorial is the allotment of a trifling number, usually only running into three or four millions, but when allotted this should be immediately forgotten.

5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

December, 1925.

We regretfully have to record the transfer of our Second-in-Command, Major P. P. Phillips, to the Territorial Reserve of Officers. Major P. P. Phillips will be long remembered as one of the leaders of the 50th Divisional Concert Party in France and Flanders during the Great War. Since the war this Concert Party, named the "Jesmond Jesters," has, under Major Phillips' leadership, raised very considerable funds for deserving charities, and was also mainly instrumental in raising funds for the 149th Infantry Brigade Sports Ground at Walker.

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Major Phillips has served with the Battalion since 1910, being promoted Lieutenant in 1911 and Captain in 1913, attaining his present rank in 1916. As a Company Commander he was mobilised with the Battalion in 1914, and proceeded to France with it in April, 1915. He took part in the action of St. Julien, in which the 149th Infantry Brigade distinguished itself, and was also in the heavy fighting at Ypres, being mentioned in despatches for gallantry in the field at Armentieres in 1915.

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His civilian labours have made great calls on his time, but we shall hope to see him amongst us at our various gatherings in the future. In the meantime we all wish him the very best of luck.

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The Officers' Shoot was held at Ponteland last month, and the Challenge Cup was wrested from the Adjutant by Captain T. A. Carlile. The day was excellent, and some good shooting resulted.

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We welcome two newcomers, 2nd-Lieuts. Rowe and Giles, and wish them a happy and successful career with us.

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Our football team has done fairly well in the Newcastle and District Amateur League, Division II., having played two matches, losing one and winning one. We have won two other friendly matches.

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The Annual Prize Meeting was held at the Drill Hall, Walker-on-Tyne, on the 11th December, followed by a Dance. Amongst those present were Major and Mrs. Anderson, Officers of our affiliated Battery (288th Battery, 72nd Field Brigade, R.A. (T.A.), Colonel J. Gover, D.S.O., T.D., Capt. Morrison and Capt. the Rev. J. Houndfield, C.F. The Commanding Officer's wife, Mrs. Arnold Irwin, presented the prizes, and was presented with a bouquet by Capt. W. H. Leete, D.F.C., on behalf of the Officers.

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We take this opportunity of wishing our many friends a very happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

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The thoughts of the serious-minded are already turning towards next year's Training Programmes, and "paper" is slowly increasing in quantity from the Orderly Room.

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Capt. Carlile is sitting for his written part of his promotion examination to Major next March, having successfully foiled the examiners in the practical portion. We wish him the best of luck.

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The Warrant Officers and Sergeants held a very successful dance at Walker on the 18th December. Many Officers were present, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Editorial Notes.

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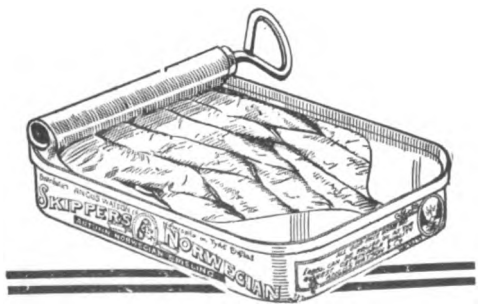

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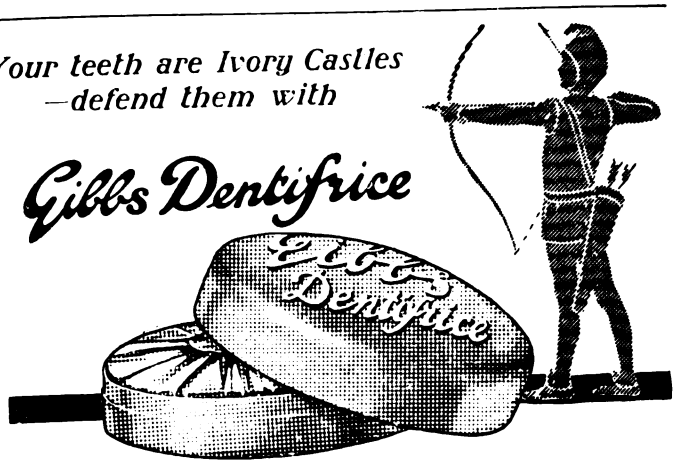

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We would call attention to the article on "The Higher Unemployed," which appeared in the last issue. The Empire Community Settlement Committee, which was formed last month, is endeavouring to establish a practical scheme of settlement within the Empire for people such as retired officers and others of corresponding social and professional status, who have small or moderate fixed incomes, but little or no capital. It has no interests to serve other than the best interests of those for whose benefit the scheme is proposed. At this stage of development the Committee prudently refrains from setting forth the prospects or outlining the conditions of settlement in any particular Dominion or Colony. This movement, if it is supported as it deserves to be, will in a very happy, even if modest, fashion help in solving difficulties which weigh heavily upon us all in over-crowded England, and not least heavily upon the very people for whom the new Society is putting forth its efforts, men who, after rendering long and good service to their country, are placed on the shelf with an exiguous income, and are too often compelled to eat out their hearts in enforced idleness through the absence of any real scope for their still unexhausted energies. Meanwhile the Dominions and other parts of the Empire are largely undeveloped for lack of manhood. The Dominions want new settlers urgently, they want them too of British stock, and with the development of a vigorous Empire policy the call would be practically limitless, but they want also nothing less than *good* settlers and *good* stock. The demand for quality can assuredly be met by the E.C.S. from clients who have already so clearly attested their worth and who represent the soundest elements in the community. It is not probable that many of them would start taming the prairie or taking their place among the big ranchers, but they would help to keep warm and strong the sympathies and affection which unite the mother country and her daughters, and, on their modest holdings, they would be able to train their children, under the happiest and healthiest conditions, to play a worthy part later on in advancing the prosperity of the Britains overseas, and therefore also the prosperity of the home country. The address of the Hon. Secretary is Regent House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2.

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Letter to the Editor.

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To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st October and 31st December, 1925, as follows :—

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Yours very truly,
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SERVICE SPORTS NOTES.

HOCKEY.

UNITED SERVICES XI.

Have shown consistent improvement since the last week in October. The attack, which a month ago was all at sixes and sevens, is now settling down into effective combination. The match against Havant aroused much local interest in and around Portsmouth, the Services winning comfortably by 5 goals to 2. Victories were also recorded against Bromley at Bromley by 7—1, and Old Kingstonians by 2—1, thus avenging last season's defeat.

ATHLETICS.

ARMY CROSS-COUNTRY WIN.

In the annual five and a half miles cross-country race at Camberley, the Army beat the R.M.C. by 103 points to 107. Lieut. T. H. Ely (Army) was the first man home, his time being 29 mins. 45 secs. C. Legard (Sandhurst) was second, about 50 yards behind the winner; and Lce.-Sergt. Wilson (Army) third.

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BOXING.

Army Boxing Association.

The Army Boxing Association has recently published a most useful Handbook on Boxing in the Army. The booklet is divided into two parts—Part I. containing the rules of the A.B.A. and details of Army competitions, etc.; Part II. contains the rules and regulations of the Imperial Services B.A., and is common to all three Services.

Obtainable from the N.A.A.F.I., Imperial Court, Upper Kennington Lane, London, S.E. 11. Price 6d., by post 7½d.

SWIMMING.

Services Championship.

The Army defeated the R.N. and R.M. by 61 points to 49 in the Inter-Services Swimming Championships at Aldershot. Twelve months ago, when the championships were decided for the first time, points were even, 35 each.

MINIATURE RIFLE SHOOTING AS A SPORT.

Queen Alexandra's gift of a beautiful Challenge Cup to the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs for competition among county teams made up of riflemen selected on the strength of their marksmanship from clubs and associations affiliated to the S.M.R.C. is not so widely known as perhaps it deserves to be. The late Queen-Mother took a practical interest in small-bore rifle shooting, and her sympathies with its intentions and aims resulted in Her Majesty's gracious gift, which, it is needless to add, is regarded by the followers of the sport as the blue-riband of the popular recreation.

"Officers of high rank, both in the Army and Navy," said the Secretary of the S.M.R.C. in an interview, "have on many public occasions given decided opinions on the usefulness of miniature rifle shooting as the short cut to efficiency in Service rifle shooting. It trains a man to become an expert shot and to develop confidence in all the mysteries of rifle shooting. We have some 1600 clubs and associations affiliated to us, representing a membership of about 100,000 persons, and whilst a fair percentage are recruited from the ranks of the Services, Army, Navy and Air Force, the greater number are civilians employed in mercantile offices and the workshops, mills and factories of the industrial centres of the country. And added to these workers we have a goodly number of the middle-classes who find in small-bore rifle shooting a fascinating form of pastime which appeals because of its mental and skilful attractions.

"During the past few months some 140 new clubs have applied for affiliation. That testifies to the progress of miniature rifle shooting. The vast majority of these new clubs hail from working centres and are manned by workers who, at the ranges, can meet their employers and chiefs on common ground in friendly rivalry—not for a season, but all the year round, and in all weathers, for the pastime can be followed indoors as well as outdoors on short ranges. The standard ranges run from 25 and 50 yards to 100 yards, and a range can be laid almost anywhere.

"The Council of the Society are appealing for 10,000 additional life-members, whose only liability is one payment of a guinea per member. Their sympathy and support would be seen in consolidating the efforts of the Society in its work of developing what we regard as a national movement, the economic value of which cannot be over-estimated. Ours is the official authority that regulates and practically governs miniature rifle shooting, and our Council includes a number of gentlemen whose names are household words throughout the country, and who give their time and services voluntarily, and assist in other ways."

Enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary of the S.M.R.C., 15, Arundel Street, London, W.C. 2.

TALES THAT ARE TOLD.

A harvest of stories has been gathered from the "English as she is spoke" of the Indian. In a certain Government Office, the head of a Department had occasion to "strafe" his Babu severely over some carelessness that had caused complications. In finishing the homily he said, "And for Heaven's sake, Babu, try not to be such a d——d fool in future." Outraged innocence, mingled with genuine surprise, was on the Babu's face as he said, "But, Sir, how can be a d——d fool, when am already Government servant?"

Another young man had been studying Law, and having duly qualified himself to write "Failed B.A." after his name, he applied to a firm of solicitors for a post as copying clerk. After enumerating his many virtues, he ended by writing "I have no doubt to be of great advantage to honourable firm as am highly proficient of plagiarism."

In more exalted circles:—Many years ago the Governor of a certain Province had the reputation of being something of a misogynist. A gushing lady determined to tackle him upon the subject. At a garden party she found her opportunity. "Oh! your Excellency," she said, "do tell me why you dislike my poor sex so much." "Well, my dear lady," he answered, "to be quite frank, I have always found the old saying a true one, that 'familiarity breeds contempt.'" "Yes," countered the lady, quite unabashed, "that's true. But don't you agree with me that without a certain amount of familiarity there is little chance of breeding anything?"

It is generally said that at school, parsons' sons, and at the universities, young men reading for Orders, are the wildest of the wild. The following story suggests that even Heads of Colleges are, to say the least, sometimes sceptical as to the good intentions of their quietest charges. When Edward King, afterwards the saintly Bishop of Lincoln, was at Oxford, he was one day paying his end of term call on the austere Dr. Liddon. King's reports were uniformly excellent. There was no ground for complaints. However, the Doctor noticed that King had not missed a single chapel through the whole of term. "Mr. King," he said, "I must warn you that even too regular attendance at chapel may degenerate into mere formalism."

In lighter vein is the story of the undergrad. who, much to his surprise, scored an ignominious failure in his terminal examinations. Highly indignant, he went to see his tutor. "Look here, Sir," he exclaimed, "there must be some mistake about it." The tutor passed a weary hand over his brow. "That's the point," he said, "there were so many."

When schoolboy "howlers" are free from the suspicion of "manufacture" they are sometimes very good indeed. The following is witty, whether spontaneous or not. Asked to define "acrimony," a boy wrote, "Acrimony is a state of marriage, sometimes called blessed."

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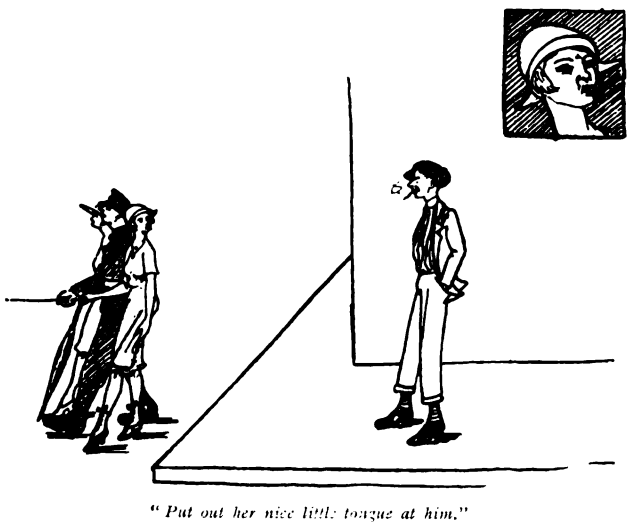
THE BUSHY-TOPPED TREE.

Thomas Tadpole was a lad of simple tastes, to whom standing in meditation at a street corner had for long been a favourite amusement. But to-day he seemed not to derive the usual pleasure from this old English pastime. Shifting uneasily from time to time he thrust his hands deeper into his pockets, while the unlit cigarette hanging from his lower lip gave evidence of a mind distracted by care.

Thomas was not the first whose life's pleasant routine had been rudely interrupted by one of the opposite sex, but the circumstances of his case were peculiarly distressing. Not only had Emily Bates made it clear to him that attachment to street corners could not be indulged in simultaneously with attachment to herself, but she had recently developed a most unpleasing weakness for soldiers whose profession was abhorrent to the refined instincts of Thomas.

There are some minds that require a jolt to put them into action. Having got it, they frequently wobble into all sorts of rash decisions before regaining their normal equilibrium. Thomas' mind was of that type, and was shortly to experience the jolt. He had just decided to light his cigarette and postpone further consideration of his problem till the morrow, when who should turn into the street but Emily and a girl friend, under the gallant escort of a recruit from the neighbouring Depôt. A merry party they seemed, so Thomas, thinking he might join them, called out, "Hallo, Emily!"

Emily turned, put out a nice little tongue at him, and passed on. It was to Thomas as a dagger-thrust in his heart.



"Put out her nice little tongue at him."
(Inset:—A close-up.)

Anyway, that settled it. Thomas' wavering mind was made up. With heavy steps and a bleeding heart he found his way to the Depôt barracks and enlisted. And it was here that he first met Peter Thruster, who had been awaiting his seventeenth birthday to do likewise. Before night Thomas found himself re-christened "No. 792 Fusilier Tadpole," while Peter was proud to be labelled "No. 793 Fusilier Thruster."

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We will spare the reader the painful experiences of Thomas' early life in the Army. Suffice it that wherever Fusilier Tadpole did wrong, Fusilier Thruster invariably did right, and that Thomas, being of a jealous nature, conceived an unreasoning but cordial dislike for Peter. But in compensation for the bitter words of unsympathetic N.C.O.'s, Thomas found consolation in having regained the good graces of Emily. That seemed all that mattered, and as the months passed by and the fatal day approached for drafting to India his feelings towards Peter softened.

Then, like a bolt from the blue, came the fateful events of a black Easter Monday.

It had long since been arranged that on this Bank Holiday Thomas should meet Emily at the pillar box at 10 a.m., and take her out for the day. Alas! The sun that broke to the cheerful twittering of birds greeted Fusilier Tadpole through the bars of the Guard Detention Room. At the hour at which poor Thomas should have kept tryst with Emily he was standing before a choleric Commanding Officer. Two minutes later he had been awarded 10 days' C.B.

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Peter Thruster was a good son and wrote every Sunday to his mother, giving her his news and relating the lessons he had learnt during the past week in trigger-pressing and other subjects that might prove useful to her in the laundry work by which she supported herself and three young children in a neighbouring town. At a quarter past ten on the morning of Easter Monday he had just passed the barrack gate with the intention of taking a walk round town, when he recollected that his weekly letter remained in his pocket unposted. No matter, there was a pillar box at the corner just down the road, so off he went to it. Here he found a young woman with flushed cheeks and angry eyes.

"There!" exclaimed Peter with annoyance as he arrived at the pillar box, "I've no stamp, and the post-office is closed to-day."

Now Emily was one to make the most of her opportunities.

"If you've got three halfpence I can give you a stamp," she said.

Peter produced the coppers, took the stamp she offered, and thanked her. "Ugh!" he said, "how I hate licking stamps, don't you?"

"No," replied Emily, "I like the taste of gum. Shall I do it for you?" and taking the stamp, she put out her nice little tongue and licking the stamp pasted it on the letter.

"You don't mean to say," asked the astonished Peter, "you're that fond of gum that you stand here all day just to get the chance of licking stamps?"

"Well," answered Emily, "I find it makes the tongue supple and that's useful with so many impudent boys about. And talking of them," she added, "do you know Mr. Tadpole up at barracks?"

"Ginger Tadpole? Yes, I know the little worm. He got ten days C.B. from the Old Man just before I left barracks."

"What's that mean?" inquired Emily nervously.

"Confined to barracks, not allowed out for ten days."

"Oh!" gasped Emily, seeing the prospect of a blank day before her. But Emily was one who made the most of her opportunities, it will be remembered, and a rapid survey of the situation led her to congratulate herself on having broken the ice with Peter. She had a passion for the cinema and a pretty taste in chocolates. Easter Monday had been marked out for the gratification of both. In short, before the day was done Peter's visit to the pillar box was to cost him the greater part of a week's pay.

But the sufferings of Peter's pocket was slight in comparison

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with that of Thomas' feelings when, looking up from his task of whitewashing the steps of the Guard Room, he observed Emily, her fair cheek bulged with chocolates, pass the barrack gates on the arm of Fusilier Thruster.

There are few whose cup of bitterness is not full to the brim on the first of ten days' C.B. At the sight of Emily's faithlessness, Thomas' cup overflowed in a stream of the blackest thoughts of revenge. A definite object had come to quicken the hitherto aimless existence of Thomas Tadpole. Henceforth his life would be devoted to getting even with Peter Thruster. Such vulgar thoughts as those of punching Peter's head were quickly set aside. He would taste a safer, sweeter and more subtle revenge. His would be the hidden hand to place obstacles at every turn of Peter's career, and slowly to drag his hated rival to the depths of degradation.

Raising his right arm to Heaven, Thomas swore revenge. His solemn oath was followed by a bitter curse as a trickle of whitewash up his sleeve reminded him of the brush he was still grasping.

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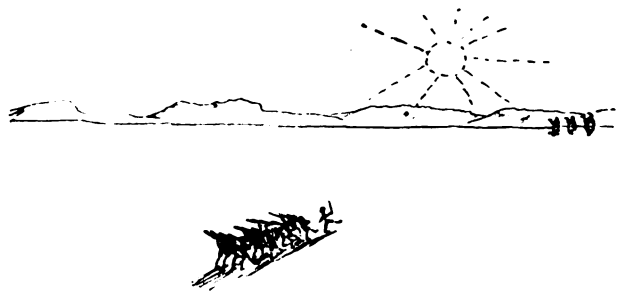
It was eight months later that Peter Thruster came down from the hills as a lance-corporal. The progress of Thomas and Peter, after joining the Battalion in India had reflected that of their early life at the Depôt. Within a few weeks Peter had been selected for the "Young N.C.O.'s Class," while Thomas had been found guilty of "grossly irregular conduct—*i.e.* having holes in his mosquitoe net," and had since been concerned in similar serious military offences. The whitewashing which invariably followed Thomas' unfortunate lapses was alone sufficient to keep in mind the oath he had registered, but hitherto the hidden hand had been paralysed by the separation of its victim from himself. Fate now ordained that Peter should be posted to the platoon commanded by Sergt. Scorcher, and should assume command of the rifle section of which Thomas was an ornament.

For a full understanding of the events that were to follow it is necessary that the reader should be acquainted with certain theories of the zealous but somewhat dogmatic N.C.O. who commanded this platoon. Sergt. Scorcher had recently returned from a course at the Small Arms School. Here he had passed with credit, but had developed certain original ideas of his own. Prominent among these was one concerning fire control. He had learnt that the target on which fire was to be directed would frequently be so nearly invisible to the firers as to render it necessary for the fire leader to select in the landscape some prominent object by reference to which he could indicate the target. Many objects for this purpose had been suggested, such as windmills, white gates, haystacks, signal boxes or bushy-topped trees. Further, he learnt that oaks, elms and poplars have no military significance; that the "military vocabulary" contains only two types of tree—the bushy-topped tree and the Y-shaped tree.

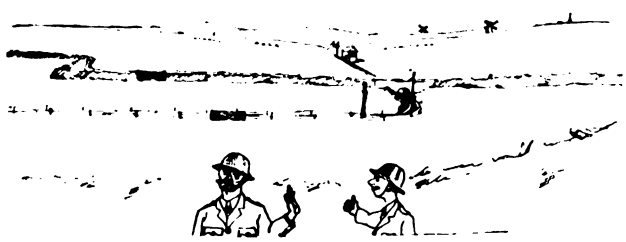
Now, though quick to appreciate the value of this method of directing fire, it seemed to him that a multiplication of prominent objects could lead only to confusion, and that the adoption of one universal object would simplify matters. Sergt. Scorcher had no experience of operations in Mesopotamia or the Sahara desert, and the reference object he selected was the picturesquely termed "bushy-topped" tree. *No* fire order in his platoon was regarded as complete unless it included reference to a *bushy-topped tree.*

Pursuing his theory to its logical conclusion, it may be taken that his views on the tactics necessary to its successful application in war was something as follows:—In the selection of a defensive position all considerations should give way to that



"Had no experience of operations in Mesopotamia."

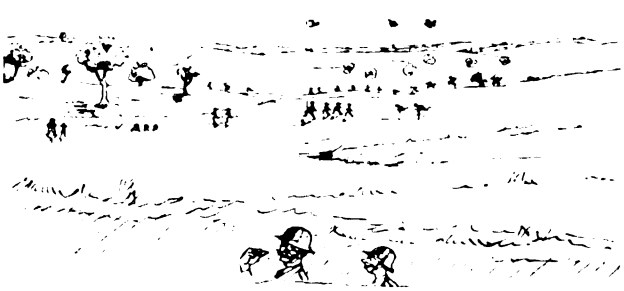
of a sufficiency of bushy-topped trees in the foreground for the direction of the fire of the defence. While, in the attack, a commander should not be led into a rash enterprise by the presence in the hostile position of white gates, haystacks or signal boxes, but should *manœuvre* the enemy into a position



"The Commander must not be led into a rash enterprise by signal-boxes, white gates and windmills."

surrounded by bushy-topped trees before advancing to the attack.

However this may be, it will be realised that when Sergt. Scorcher was warned that the Commanding Officer intended to



"The enemy must be manœuvred into a position surrounded by bushy topped trees."

inspect his platoon in Musketry on the following Friday, and that he was to select the locality in which the inspection should be carried out, he chose a site suitable to the instruction he had imparted, and carried out vigorous rehearsals of his methods on the few days that remained.

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The Lewis Gun section (of which the platoon in India has only one) and two rifle sections were to be inspected on the reverse slope of a hill whose crest suggested an ideal fire position. It was on the crest of this hill that Peter's section was detailed to provide the *piece de resistance* of the inspection—a demonstration of fire control. The position provided an excellent field of fire with several natural targets, and, in the distance, the essential bushy-topped tree. It was an ideal tree for the purpose; it could not be mistaken for a Y-shaped tree or a Z-shaped tree; though small, it was indisputably a *bushy-topped* tree.

It was here in the few days preceding inspection that Peter was put through his paces. "No. 2 Section of No. 50 Platoon —800—bushy-topped tree—left—2 degrees—7 o'clock"—"700 —bushy-topped tree—right—3 degrees—5 o'clock"—"950— bushy-topped tree—right—5 degrees—2 o'clock" etc., etc. Only once did Peter, when directing fire on a very obvious white house, forget to mention the bushy-topped tree. On this occasion Sergt. Scorcher was understood to intimate that he would eat the face off Lce.-Corporal Thruster should he prove guilty of a similar lapse in the presence of the Commanding Officer. This cannibalistic threat did not escape the attentive ear of Thomas Tadpole.

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On Thursday night Fusilier Tadpole answered to his name at Tattoo Roll Call, but at midnight his bed was empty. At Reveille on Friday morning Fusilier Tadpole again answered to his name; his hands were blistered. "Who's been messing

His hands were blistered.

about with these axes felling?" inquired the Quartermaster angrily on visiting his store later in the morning.

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The rains which had come as a blessed relief to the fierceness of the hot weather had given way to the damp heat of late September. But to-day the crisp freshness of the morning air, first herald of the approaching cold weather, rejoiced the heart of Lieut.-Colonel Dammit, as he rode out to inspect No. 50 Platoon.

"Well, Sergt. Scorcher, what are you going to show me this morning?" he asked as he rode up.

In one long polysyllable Sergt. Scorcher intimated that No. 1 Section would demonstrate the art of aiming, No. 4 would go into and out of action with the Lewis gun, No. 3 give evidence on the care of the rifle, including the proper use of the pull-through, and No. 2 Section would exhibit up-to-date methods of fire control.

"Excellent!" said Colonel Dammit. "Carry on, Sergeant Scorcher."

And carry on they did. The art of aiming proved faultless. No. 4 Section's mule stood like a rock while the gun was hauled off and hurled on to him. Not a man of No. 3 who did not know the weight of the rifle, recognise the nose of the seer, and correctly appreciate the value of the gauze on the pull-through.

Hitherto, it should be understood, proceedings had been conducted out of sight of Sergt. Scorcher's "theatre of war," which was concealed by the hill whose crest was to represent the fire position of Peter's section in the concluding act which was now to be staged.

"Now what about the fire control?" asked Colonel Dammit. "Who is going to do that?"

"Lance-Corporal Thruster!" roared Sergt. Scorcher, "Carry on."

"One moment, Sergeant Scorcher," protested the C.O. "I should like to set the problem for this myself. Where is the section commander?"

Peter stepped forward, with his heart in his mouth, and saluted. "Right," said the C.O., "stand easy a moment while I have a look round."

Colonel Dammit walked to the crest of the hill, drew his field glasses from their case and carefully examined the landscape for some minutes. "Humph! Odd! Good!" he remarked, and returned to where Peter was waiting.

"Now, Corporal Thruster," he said. Peter quailed. "*Now*, Corporal Thruster," he repeated. Peter trembled. "Now, Corporal Thruster, we will suppose that your platoon is advancing with three rifle sections in line, yours being in the centre, the Lewis gun in support. Other platoons of the company are moving in a similar formation on the right and left. On arrival at the point at which we are now standing a hostile machine gun is heard and you observe the sections of the platoon on your right are thrown into some confusion. At the same time the scouts covering your advance have gained the crest of that slope which stands in front of us. They are lying down and signal to you to advance rapidly but with caution. You go forward to them yourself, and are told that they have located a machine gun in action at the left hand bottom corner of the door of a white house which you will see slightly to your right front. I want to see what action you will take. Is that quite clear?"

"Quite clear, sir," replied Peter, and, having saluted, he moved to rejoin his section, thinking in his heart, "My word! the old white house—it's a perfect gift!"

A few seconds later No. 2 Section were doing their best to ruin their clothes by crawling on their stomachs rapidly up the slope. Reaching the top, Peter yelled: "No. 2 Section of No. 50 Platoon—800—Bushy— . . ."

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The words died on his lips as he became aware of the appalling situation of a treeless landscape. Faced with this unexpected dilemma, Peter, in imagination, already felt the teeth of Sergt. Scorcher meeting in his cheek in the first vicious, and possibly poisonous, bite. But the pause was only momentary. Peter had learnt the value of compromise in military decisions.

"Bushy—white house," he resumed, "have you all got it?"

"No!" came a sulky reply in the voice of Fusilier Tadpole. Peter ignored it and continued: "Left hand bottom corner of door—five rounds—rapid fire."

When the vigorous snapping that followed this order had died down, Colonel Dammit called up Peter. Clearly he was puzzled.

"Why did you call that a *bushy* white house?" he asked.

"Well," replied Peter. "It seemed to me to have a sort of bushy *look* about it." Colonel Dammit drew his glasses and levelled them once more at the target, then he looked at Peter, then examined the target again.

"Hum! I can't see it myself, but perhaps you're right," he remarked. "But why did you give no reference point?"

"Well, sir, with a target like that there didn't seem to me to be no need for none," said Peter, whose grammar began to fail under this cross-examination.

"Good! good! That's sound common sense, my lad," exclaimed the Colonel, "and thank God, there was no bushy-topped tree!" he added fervently.

A gurgling noise was heard. "Undo his collar and bring a water-bottle," cried someone. Thomas Tadpole was black in the face and foaming at the mouth.

"Odd!" remarked Colonel Dammit. "Too late in the morning. Too hot to keep them out. March back to barracks. Very satisfactory all round, Sergeant Scorcher."

Sergt. Scorcher beamed as the C.O. rode off; Peter passed a feverish hand over a face still intact; and Thomas, with a final gurgle, sat up and took notice.

H. R. S.

(The Editor on reading the above tale has suggested that it contains so many morals, that a competition might be opened to discern the right one. He also expresses himself as anxious to know what happened to Emily. I think that Emily's fate points the moral of the tale, and that in giving that I can satisfy him on all points. Emily, in the end, married a postman!

Beyond that I can only say that a very pleasant visit to a certain Regimental Depôt, on my return from India, impressed me with the special importance attached to the bushy-topped tree in two hemispheres; that Sergt. Scorcher (as distinct from Emily) does not exist; and that I pictured an inspection overlooking Cumberland Creek Rifle Range, dear to my recollection as the scene of several such events.—H.R.S.)

SHORT STORIES.

THE UNEXPECTED JOINT.

"Why, Pa, this is roast beef!" cried little Bobbie at dinner one evening when Mr. Slim, a guest, was present. "Of course," said his father, "what did you think it was?" "Why," replied Bobbie, "you said this morning that you were going to bring an old mutton-head for dinner to-night."

REFLECTIONS.

Truth lies at the bottom of a well, but the angler never goes there to fish.

Some tall men have sense, and others choose short dancing partners.

About the most that you'll ever get a man to admit is that he was a fool.

Figures may not lie, but how the ladies can look like wasps one year and animated ironing boards the next, is beyond us.

EQUAL CULPABILITY.

"Bobby," said the teacher, sternly, "do you know that you have broken the Eighth Commandment by stealing James's apple?"

"Well," explained Bobby, "I might just as well break the Eighth and have the apple, as to break the Tenth and only covet it."

CAUSE FOR JEALOUSY.

She came to court and demanded a separation. "Yes," said the magistrate, "but on what grounds? There must be some cause of complaint." She knitted her brows. "I got cause enough, sir. I've caught 'im 'itting another woman."

HER BETTER HALF.

An insurance company that had required some additional evidence to support a claim, recently received a letter from the widow of the insured, which ended: "I have so much trouble getting my money that I sometimes almost think I wish my husband were not dead."

TONGUE-TIED.

At last the young actor had received a speaking part. It consisted of four words: "Hark! a pistol shot." However, at the last moment stage fright got the upper hand, and, rushing on the stage, he yelled: "Hark! a shistol pot; nunno', a postol shoot." Then, desperately: "Hang it all, did you hear that bang!"

PRE-EMINENCE WANTED.

"Say, George, what kind of a man is your father?" asked someone of a junior member of the Rockefeller family.

"Well," was the reply, "he is this kind of man; if he went to a wedding, he'd want to be the bride, and if he went to a funeral he'd want to be the corpse."

TWO FRIENDS.

Two high-school girls were engaged in conversation on the street. Said the first:

"Tom tried to kiss me last night and I wouldn't let him."

"Did it make him angry?" the companion asked.

"I should say. He said he wished he had called on you."

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